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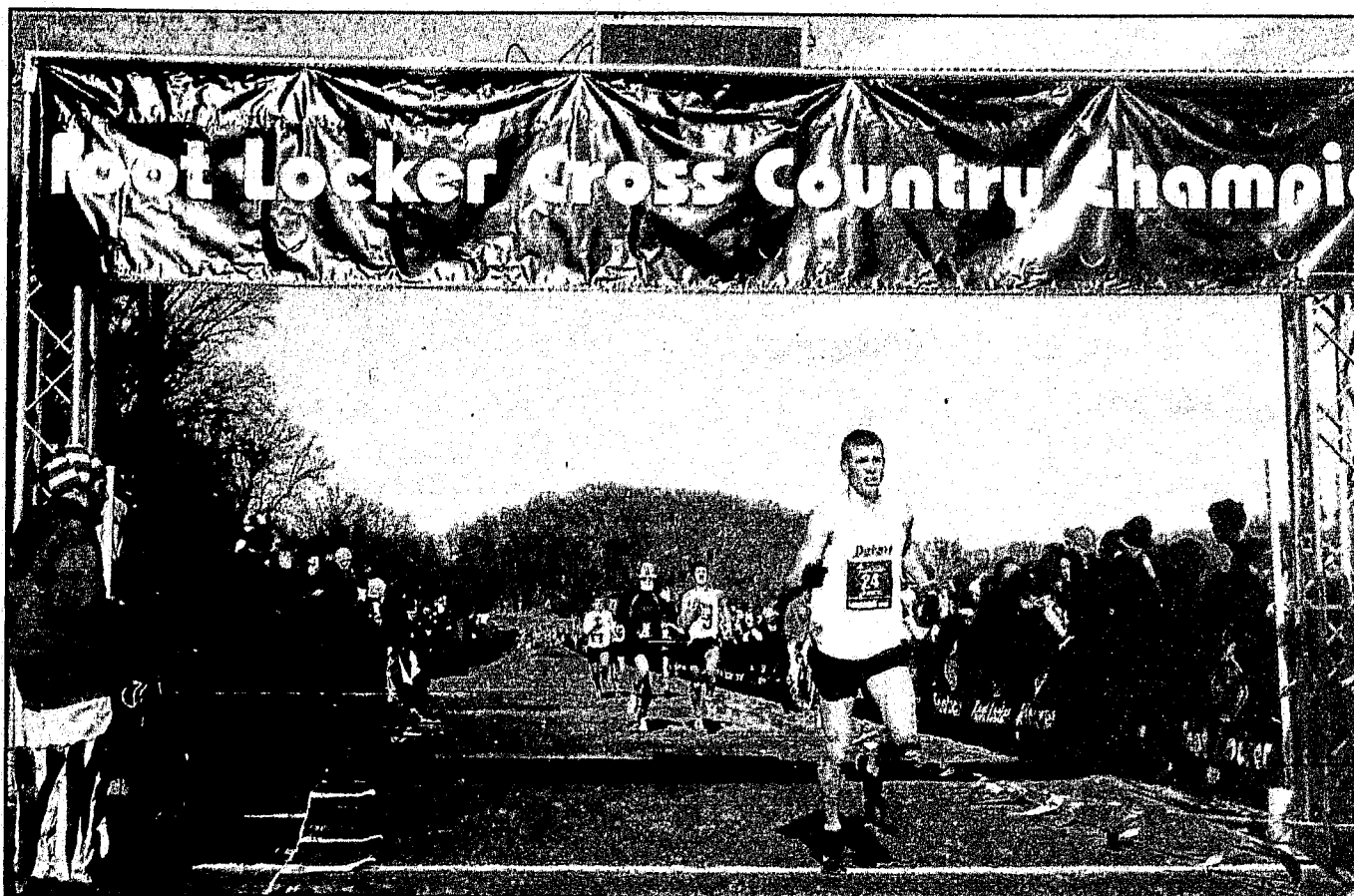
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Josef Holt-Andrews crosses the finish line in Saturday's Northeast Regional Footlocker Cross-Country Championship 5k race in New York. He qualified for the National Championship in San Diego Dec. 14.

Many more miles ahead for Telstar's Josef Holt-Andrews

By ALISON ALOISIO

"I don't think people realize the level of what he's accomplished," said Telstar Cross-Country Coach Dan Crooker.

Crooker was speaking of senior Josef Holt-Andrews, who spent this fall breaking course records and winning high school championships all over Maine.

And just this past Saturday he placed fifth in the Northeast qualifying Foot Locker National Cross Country Championships in New York City. That result earned him a spot in the National Foot Locker Championships Dec. 14 in San Diego.

runner can by nature be solitary. Add to that the commitment required to succeed at a high level, and although Holt-Andrews' friends can marvel at his winning ways, it's tough to truly understand what's involved.

That should change next year, when he goes off to college at one of the top Division I running schools that has been recruiting him. Holt-Andrews will compete in cross-country as well as indoor and outdoor track distance events. There he will be one of many top-notch runners on a team.

He's had interest from

Commitment

The life of a distance

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Sports bar proposed for Locke's Mills

By ALISON ALOISIO

Greenwood selectmen Tuesday tabled a liquor license application for Ring-side Bar, a business proposed for the former site of the Mt. Mica Rarities gem shop.

Citing concerns about traffic exiting the downhill

driveway that enters Route 26, the board decided to ask for input from the Maine Department of Transportation and the town attorney before making a decision.

The sports bar is proposed by Tom Boughter of Waterford, who said he owns several other businesses.

He said he would like to

take advantage of the traffic flow to and from Mt. Abram, Sunday River and the casino in Oxford.

"I'm trying to get more traffic to stop through here, and maybe start generating some additional businesses on Main Street," Boughter told selectmen.

He said there would be

room for about 40 cars, and the building could hold 85 to 90 people.

Some food would be served, he said, but not full meals. The bar would not be seasonal, he said, and would operate on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.

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Andover school withdrawal vote scheduled Jan. 7

Hearing tonight at 7 p.m.

By Eileen Adams; Sun Media wire

Andover residents will vote Jan. 7 on whether or not to withdraw from SAD 44 and form their own school district.

A two-thirds majority of those voting is needed for the proposal to pass.

Selectman Susan Merrow said last week that the state's Department of Education gave final approval for the educational plan for the town's 100 or so students on Nov. 20.

Prior to the final vote on

withdrawal, two public hearings will be held.

The first is set for 7 p.m. Dec. 5 (tonight) at the Town Hall. The second is set for 9 a.m. Jan. 4 at the Town Hall. Along with members of the Andover Withdrawal Committee, Attorney Steve Hudspeth and Jack Turcotte, a former school superintendent, will provide answers to questions and outline the advantages and disadvantages of withdrawal, the costs involved

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Mt. Abram outlines community offerings

By ALISON ALOISIO

New Mt. Abram General Manager Dave Scanlan met with Greenwood selectmen Tuesday and updated them on plans to involve the community in the ski area's activities.

Scanlan is a co-founder of the international Mountain Riders Alli-

ance organization, which earlier this year took over management of ski area operations at the Greenwood mountain.

At the time of the announcement Mt. Abram said it would put a greater emphasis on family events and community involvement.

Scanlan said Mt. Abram

will this season bring back a program that was popular about six years ago: allowing Greenwood youngsters to ski for free on designated days.

This season it will be the third Sunday of each month, he said.

Youngsters up through high school can qualify by verifying their resi-

dency at the Town Office, he said.

The ski area will open Dec. 13 to season pass holders and on the 14th to the general public.

Other offerings will include \$10 off a lift ticket through Christmas for anyone who brings

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Local Granges find balance in tradition, progressive thinking

By AMY CHAPMAN

"We have a habit of keeping an eye on people who have had a hard time."

That's how Richard Felt sums up the work of Franklin Grange #124 in Bryant Pond. Like the other Granges in the area—Alder River #145 in East Bethel and Pleasant Valley #136 in West Bethel—Franklin Grange organizes benefit suppers, contributes to social service agencies, and provides regular opportunities for its members and guests to gather and enjoy food, fellowship, music, and the sharing of ideas.

The Grange has a rich history in Maine. Stan Howe of Bethel, who serves as historian for the Maine State Grange, says that in the early 1900s Maine had more Grange members per capita than any other state, participating in over 500 local, or subordinate, Granges.

The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry was founded after the Civil War to encourage rural farming families to join forces in order to bring about social, political, and economic changes.

Through lobbying efforts and the election of members to the legislature, the Grange campaigned for the creation of the Farm Credit Bureau, providing a reliable source of business loans to farmers, and the Rural Free Delivery

service, which meant even families on remote homesteads could get mail delivered.

The Grange's influence was also instrumental in the creation of the Cooperative Extension Service, which provides educational programs that allow for the sharing of research and knowledge.

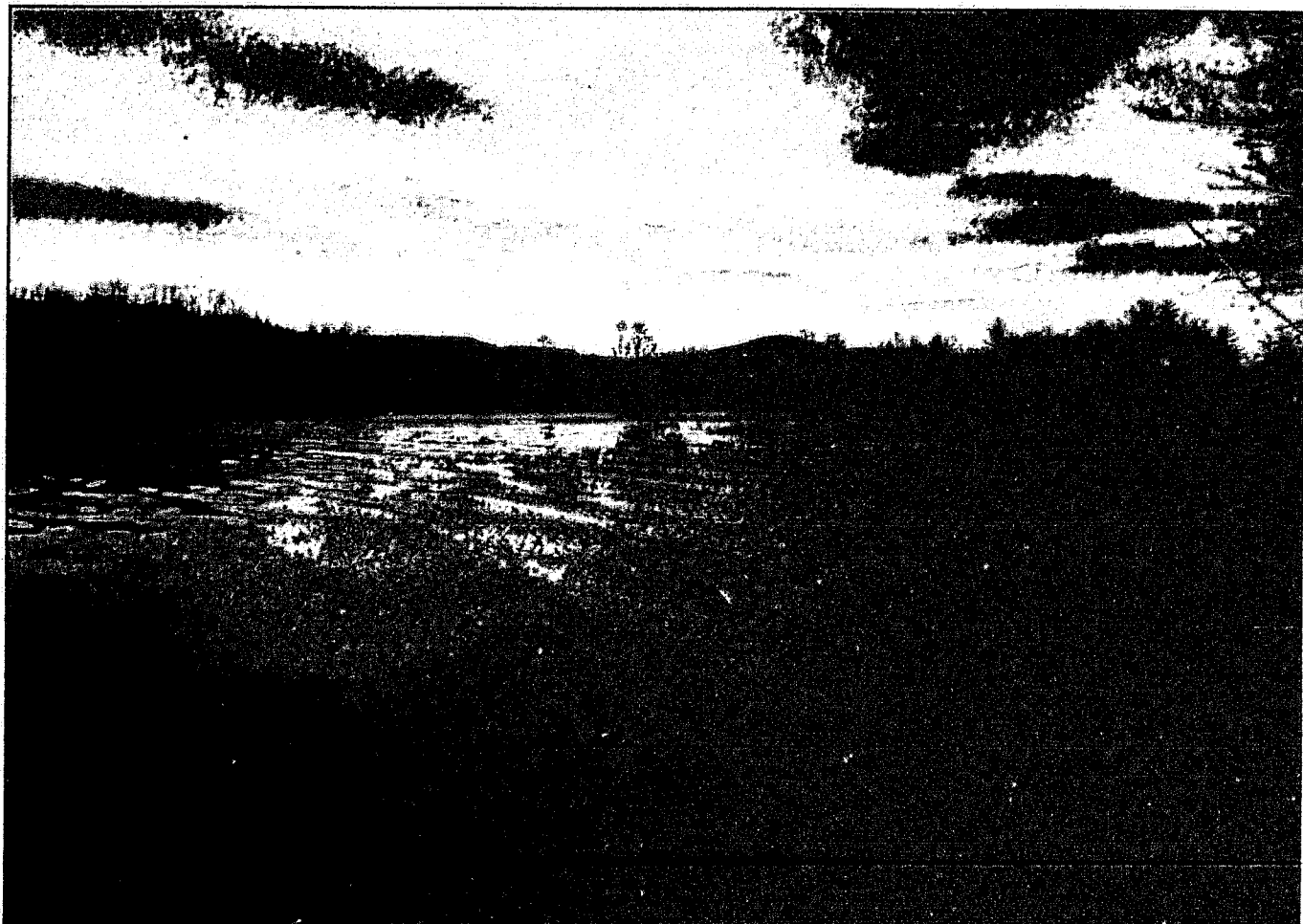
From the beginning, the Grange was known for its progressive thinking, and was the first fraternal organization in the nation to admit women as full members. The Grange gave women equal voting rights at meetings, allowed them to hold offices, and supported the cause of women's suffrage in the early 20th century.

On the state and national levels, the Grange continues to be active in legislative policy today, seeking to influence the passage of legislation beneficial to rural families in such areas as agriculture, conservation, education, and health.

Membership has declined over the years, and some Granges in Maine, including West Paris Grange #293, have recently had to disband.

Recruiting new members can be a challenge. "Our members are getting older, and some are in nursing homes now," says Felt. "I guess there's not enough excitement here for most

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SUN, WIND AND ICE—One morning last week high winds and bitter cold combined for some unusual ice formations on Songo Pond, set against a backdrop of a colorful sunrise. In some places near the shore the ice looked like waves had frozen in place. Farther out, the wind broke up ice that had formed, and the chunks that remained rose and fell as the large waves made their way toward shore. The pond has since frozen over.

A. Aloisio

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Letters

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

To the Editor:

A very special season is upon us and one tradition, which shouldn't be missed, is "Breakfast with Santa" at Crescent Park School. For over 25 years, this community fundraiser has served to help the fifth grade class at CPS travel to Boston and enjoy that city's historical, cultural and scientific venues.

"Breakfast with Santa" is more than just a hearty meal. A silent auction, book sale, a spectacular raffle table and of course the arrival of Santa all combine for a great morning of fun. Don't forget to pick up your homemade wreath and a special packet of reindeer food. You may purchase a photo of your child with Santa professionally created by Carol Savage Photography.

The silent auction features gift certificates from the Grand Summit Hotel and Sliders Restaurant, ski tickets from Sunday River, Mt. Abram, Cannon Mountain and Saddleback and gift baskets from the Funky Red Barn and Nabos. Local businesses such as NAPA, The Good Food Store, Sport Thoma, Cho Sun, Bethel Bike, Sunday River Brewing Company, Viewer's Choice Video and Workout 24/7 have all donated items for bid. Mahoosuc Kids Association, We've Got the Look, Jillian's of Boston, Gourmet in a Pinch, and Gregory Files, ESQ, have all contributed unique gift ideas. So please remember that this Saturday, beginning at 8 a.m., you can help the Fifth Grade Class take an educational trip to Boston and join a noted tradition at Crescent Park School.

If Breakfast isn't something you're interested in, come anyway and meet and greet with Santa and do a bit of Holiday shopping. Your generosity will be remembered and appreciated.

Robert Baribeau
"Breakfast with Santa" Parent Volunteer

SENIOR PLAYERS THANKS

To the Editor:

The Senior College Players extend thanks and appreciation to the following: Gould Academy for allowing us to use the Trustees Auditorium in McLaughlin Science Building for dress rehearsals and performances, as well as rooms for cast costume changes; West Parish Congregational Church for the use of their facilities for nine weeks of rehearsals; Jewel Clark for assisting us between acts, and for filming performances; Sharon Lyon for capable handling lighting, props, and other details; Irene Kuchta for manning the cookie table and guarding the donation jar; and the Bethel community for their support, attendance, and for "getting" the funny parts.

The Western Mountains Senior College class on acting and performance is open to community members 50 years and older and is offered in the fall. This year's participants all passed the far-flung lines test and performed marvelously, and we are amazed and appreciative of their interest, enthusiasm, and talent. The 2013 class included Tineke Ouwinga, Rosabelle Tiffit, Barbara Dion, Roberta Taylor, Norman Milliard, Carole Timberlake, Jack Kuchta, Kathy Berberian, Bonnie Marshall, Carol Campbell, Jim McLean, Ginger Kelly, and Mark Antell.

Lorrie Hoeh and Ross Timberlake
Class Facilitators

THANKS FROM CPS FIFTH GRADE

To the Editor:

We would like to take the opportunity to thank the community, friends and family of Bethel and beyond, for their wonderful support of the CPS 5th Graders at the recent Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser.

Many thanks also go to The Bethel Alliance Church, for the use of their amazing facility, and always being willing to help no matter how big or small. Thanks to Dave and Heather Nivus of the Good Food Store, for kindly letting us borrow some kitchen wares, and for coming to the event as well! Thanks to Barry and Brooke Hallett of the Funky Red Barn, for your continuous support of the class with the endless use of your kitchen, time and connections!

Thank you to the support of the class parents that helped out by funding the event. Also, a special thank you to all the 5th graders and parents who came to help and all the hard work to make this event a successful one!

Sincerely,

CPS Fifth Grade Students and Parents

CORRECTION

DINER'S NAME-In last week's front page photo of the Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner, one of the women should have been identified as Margaret Perham.

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SIGN OF THINGS TO COME
A light coating of snow Monday morning gave the Bethel Common an early holiday atmosphere.

PLEASE SUPPORT EXCHANGE/PANTRY

To the Editor:

The people in this area are known for helping others whenever a need arises. Sometimes it is a house fire, sometimes a person has a life-threatening illness or accident, sometimes it is financial disaster. Most of us do whatever we can to help others.

For many years the Bethel Area District Exchange and Food Pantry has been helping people when there is a crisis. We provide food and sometimes other types of help when possible and appropriate. While the sale of donated used clothing at the District Exchange helps to fund the Food Pantry, we still need financial donations so we can help people in times of trouble.

Many of the folks we help are those who may be too proud to ask for assistance. We are told of them by town offices, schools, churches, and civic organizations. Without help, these people would suffer quietly instead of asking for help.

If you are able, please consider making a donation to the Bethel Area District Exchange and Food Pantry. Checks payable to that organization can be sent to: PO Box 232, Bethel, Maine 04217.

Betsy Foster, President
Bethel Area District Exchange and Food Pantry

DO A SAFETY SURVEY

To the Editor:

I recently fell exiting one of the town buildings - minor damage, no problem, but it could have been. The surface was gray stone with a shallow step just beyond the entrance. It was a gray day with no shadow, and I missed the step and fell. I reported this and the building manager did a quick job of taking care of the problem.

This brings up a point of safety checking for entrances of all buildings in town used by the public, be they governmental, stores, offices or others, particularly if you have a uniform exit surface with steps. Yellow paint or tape at the edges is widely used, usually with black stripes to assure visibility in snowy weather. This is particularly important if the exit is facing the low sun in these days.

While I have your attention on the subject of safety, let us discuss handles. The entrance to my garage is a short outside step and the door sill. The inside entrance to my house is the same. I have attached regular six-inch "D" handles to both sides of the inside casing. They are great to grab, especially when you have an armload of bundles. Falls in the bathtub can be dangerous. I have a heavy two-foot long vertical bar firmly attached to the wall at the end of my bathtub. I also have a one-foot handle attached with vacuum cups in a convenient area.

In this dead time before we start skiing, I would suggest you take a safety survey of your premises to see if there are any hazards that need taking care of both inside and outside the premises.

Richard A. Hale
Bethel

Celladore

'What was your most difficult problem?'

The clearing out awaited, could not be postponed any longer. Where to find some help for B.B.? Who would be willing to work for any price in the slough? I phoned Edward A., who could always drag up anything you needed from some vast unknown, and explained the situation to him. He would try, he said, and in less than an hour he was here with "Cousin Hoyt." He was a man who had reared three children as exemplary citizens, but as for himself, he did not care to conform to the mores of our little valley. The years had marked their progress upon his once superb physique. He even had one glass eye but he was a natural gentleman. He plunged into the dirty work with gusto, even seemed to enjoy helping remove bathroom fixtures and seeing what was left of our old-fashioned plumbing. He helped carry the heavy mahogany furniture down the stairs, out the front door, across the porch and down the steps and onto the truck, around the house and more carrying up into the barn attic. Never an oath from him (I could not say the same for E.A. and B.B.) I worked away at the books, listing, saving a few, tossing most of them out the window onto the scrap pile and began to wonder if a well-filled bookcase in each room of the house was a very good asset.

Then who comes to offer aid but George and Scotty, ex-New Yorkers on the academy faculty, both always models of sartorial splendor. They had brought thermoses of hot coffee and doughnuts. We declined their offer of aid but much appreciated the food. "Hadden't we better wait until you finish the heavy moving?" said George. "Of course," said Scotty. "But your clothes," said I.

"They will clean," said George and joined the moving crew. It was a picture stamped indelibly on my mind: slim, dapper George on one end of a double bed box spring and paunchy, overalled Hoyt on the other. Immaculate, tall, blond Scotty on one side of a box of books and short, drab, dirty me on the other. Darkness came down, enough for one day, said B.B. and more than enough, thought I. We had our coffee and our crew was off.

We took in the horses and this night I, too, was happy to go to Aunt Alice's. Luxury, luxury, clean, sweet-smelling house, hot food, hot water. I washed my clothes and threw the first two waters outside the back door for fear of clogging the sink drain, then hung them up on the pipes in the kitchen to dry overnight. Bone weary, I went to bed. The bed was too soft, the house was too hot, noises outside, street lights shone in my eyes. No serene fields, no dark edge of mysterious woods, no sprinkling of stars. I wondered how I had ever lived in Manhattan for two years. I also remembered last night and decided that not yet was I ready to exchange beauty and quiet for comfort. I tiptoed downstairs early next a.m. to get my clothes but Alice and Laura, both over eighty but spry, had been up an hour and were waiting breakfast for us. We went back up the hill and worked all day Sunday.

Of Carpenters

B.B. came up early Monday a.m. but I had been up since six and had a fire going in the kitchen. Shortly before seven a.m. came our two carpenters. We watched them get out of their car and take a long look about. Then B.B. boomed from the door, "Come in boys." They came, they looked. "You did quite a job here," said the elder, a thin, darkish ageless-looking man, evidently the senior in rank.

"Sure did," said B.B. "What do you think can be done about it?"

"That," said Buster noncommittally (I later asked his name, he said it was Eldred but to call him Buster. I introduced him to all as Mr. Eldred and only learned the last day he was here that his name was Eldred Dunn) "depends upon what you want and what you expect."

B.B. knew at once that he had a treasure, a kind of workman seldom found anymore. He told him he knew it would be a terribly slow job. Each new rafter and crossbeam would have to be cut a different size to fit into this old house. If possible to patch up some of the old walls partly standing instead of having all new ones, if Buster knew how to do it, to go ahead, B.B. would help or not as he liked, would go for supplies and run errands. Buster cast a sharp eye in my direction, but looked directly at B.B. "Will she be satisfied with that kind of a job?"

"Perfectly," said B.B., rolling a wicked eye at me. And so the two men decided to stay, went back to their car and brought in tools and dinner pails. I retired to my cave but came out at ten-thirty, poked up the fire, heated some beef stew, washed some bowls and spoons and called the men for a break. They enjoyed the soup and did not seem to mind that despite my attempts, it was impossible to serve it without a faint dusting of plaster on top. After the left in the late afternoon, B.B. said they had done a Herculean job. It seemed to me that everything was a worse mess than when they started

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Two men who robbed the Railroad Street Big Apple store were caught a short time later when their car crashed on Route 26 in Paris.

The Telstar Drama Club presented "Ax of Murder," a comedic murder mystery in two acts.

Births: Kody Christopher Boyce, Dakota J. Grassi, Trinity Ann-Marie Wing.

Deaths: Elizabeth Yanush.

20 years ago: The Jackson Silver Post American Legion Ladies Auxiliary sponsored its first tree lighting ceremony; lights were purchased in honor/memory of 224 veterans.

Michael Poirier, certified physician's assistant, joined the active medical staff at the Bethel Area Health Center.

Births: Larissa Louise Bryant, William Parker Nelson, Natasha Elaine Farnum, Jacob Raymond Wakefield, Kaylin Sara Milligan, Britany Taylor Douglass, Daniel Warren Whitney.

Deaths: Ivis O. Mack, John E. Halacy, Jr., Virginia T. Howard.

30 years ago: Edleen and Johnny Winslow had contracted to buy the Ernest Angvine property on Main Street, and were making plans to expand "Charlie's Place" there.

Plans were underway for Bethel's annual Living Nativity Pageant with Raymond and Rhonda Buker and daughter Darcie portraying the Holy Family.

Deaths: Albert H. Brown, Vincent A. Dellolio, Jr., Raymond C. Dean.

40 years ago: David Coleman of Springfield, Vt., was appointed as Director of Ski Touring at the recently established Sunday River Ski Touring Center.

The Community Club at Locke's Mills held its Christmas tree lighting and supper at the Legion Hall.

Birth: Bryce Christian Gasser.

Deaths: Stanley I. Perham, Donald C. Vollrath, Mrs. Ruth Stearns, Mrs. Kerene (Queenie) Allen.

50 years ago: Henry Kaufman, 61, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was found dead in his room at the Thunderbird Motel. Cause of death was determined to be a coronary attack. The Sunday River Ski Club Swap Shop was again open at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keniston.

Births: Deborah Jean Averill, Heidi Marie Andrews, David Alan Tyler.

Deaths: Basil Henley.

60 years ago: Clint Moger of Bear River Grange was awarded the \$15 highway safety essay first prize at the State Grange session.

The Music Appreciation Group met at the Gould Academy Music Room for study of Beethoven's Sixth Symphony.

Deaths: Miss Mae E. Cross, Donat J. Fortin.

70 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morgan went to Florida where they had employment at the Hotel Ormand.

Twenty five inches of snow was recorded at Newry Corner, in a two day storm.

Deaths: Mrs. Harlan P. Wheeler.

80 years ago: Civil Works Funds were available for local projects. Over \$5,000 was to be expended on roads and schools.

Bethel Girl Scout Troop No. 1 was organized. Mrs. Agnes B. Twaddle was captain, and Mrs. Earl A. Davis, lieutenant.

Deaths: Ben C. Vittum, Chas. S. Swan, Madison Ford, Loren Glover.

90 years ago: Mrs. Grace Foley was tendered a surprise party at her home in Skillington. She would soon leave for the winter in California.

Ralph Burris was attending business college in Lewiston.

Swarthmore Chautauque entertained in Bethel, giving fine performances in a four-day afternoon and evening program.

100 years ago: The Congregational Men's Club was organized. There were ten charter members.

There was a Thanksgiving ball in Odeon Hall. Music was by the Se Que Des Orchestra of Berlin.

Deaths: Mrs. Etta Leighton.

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VOTE

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and a myriad of other data. Both men have served as consultants on the withdrawal procedure for the Withdrawal Committee.

Morrow said three residents have already taken out nomination papers to sit on the planned three-person Andover School Committee. They are Lindsay Sharkey and current SAD 44 directors Mark Shraiberg and Tim Akers. Morrow said others may pick up nomination papers at the Town Office. They must be returned by Jan. 8.

A special election to choose Andover School Committee members would be held in late January. Morrow also said that an article on the warrant at the annual town meeting in March will ask residents to expand the already approved three-person school committee to five members. Everything is contingent on residents

voting to withdraw from SAD 44.

The more than two-year effort to withdraw was spurred by the SAD 44 board voting to close Andover Elementary School in 2011 to save money. About 35 children in grades kindergarten through five attend that school. Most of the older children attend Telstar Regional Middle/High School.

Soon after the SAD 44 board's closure vote, Andover residents voted to raise \$214,000 over and above the town's school tax liability to keep the school open. They also voted to raise an additional \$68,000 in 2012 to ensure that it would remain open for that school year.

A complete timeline of actions taken by the Andover Withdrawal Committee may be found at the group's website: www.andovers4kids.com.

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days. But there were worries. Town Manager Kim Sparks said she had heard from two residents, one of whom was concerned about parking and sight distance exiting the property, and another who did not provide reasons but simply opposed the plan.

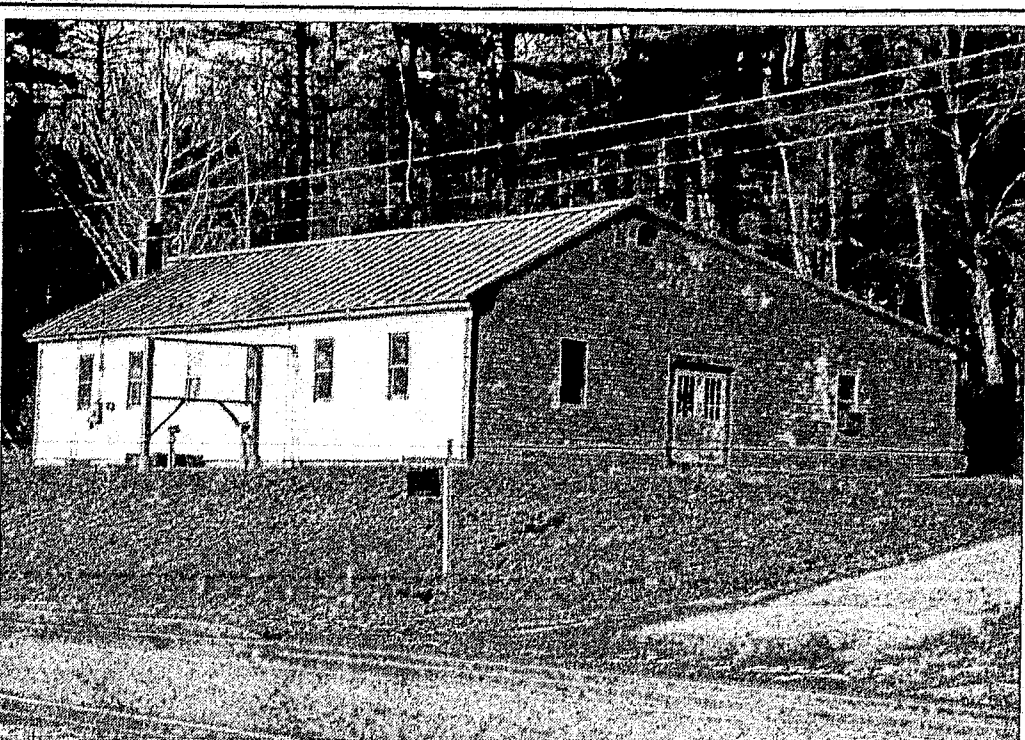
Joan Seaman, a nearby seasonal resident, said she was concerned about possible late-night loud music, which she said could "affect a lot of campers who are used to having it quiet." She also worried about traffic flow near the bar.

Resident Betsey Foster said there could be safety problems created by people who had been drinking who then drive down the hill and enter Route 26. She also noted two nearby intersections with Route 26 - Howe Hill Road and the Gore Road.

Selectman Arnie Jordan said he had driven down the driveway and it was "scary." He said it is difficult to see traffic past a ledge near the driveway, and vehicles traveling through the village do not necessarily observe the 35 mph speed limit.

He said he would like to see business in town, "but I just don't think it's the right place."

Jordan also felt townspeople should have more input on the plan, but he did not think many were aware of it.



The proposed location for the Ringside Bar on Route 26 in Locke's Mills.

A. Aloisio

Selectman Amy Chapman said while she shared many of the concerns, she did not think the board had a legal basis to deny the application.

The board uses state law as a guide for liquor applications. Among reasons to deny them are previous convictions of the applicant for certain crimes; noncompliance of the premises or its use with local zoning or other land use ordinances; a record of waste disposal, health, safety or other violations; and repeated incidents of breaches of the peace, disorderly conduct or vandalism.

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Current building owner Phil McCrillis said in the years he had operated the gem shop, he did not recall a single accident caused by someone leaving the driveway.

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five canned goods items for a local food bank; a \$25 half-day learn-to-ski package to encourage families to ski; and \$10 night ski tickets Thursdays and Fridays, with town league races on Fridays.

Tubing will also return to the mountain by popular demand, he said.

Daycare at the mountain will be a resource available to community parents, he said, and it will have an outdoor focus program. A summer camp may also be offered.

Selectmen also asked Scanlan for updates on

improvements at the area.

He said next summer they hope to increase the pumping and water storage capacity of the snowmaking system, and the following summer perhaps move forward on lodge work beyond the temporary structure that has been in place since a fire destroyed the old building several years ago.

An expansion may be planned at the Westside Lodge, he said.

Work on a solar panel project to provide energy to the ski area is expected to proceed next spring.

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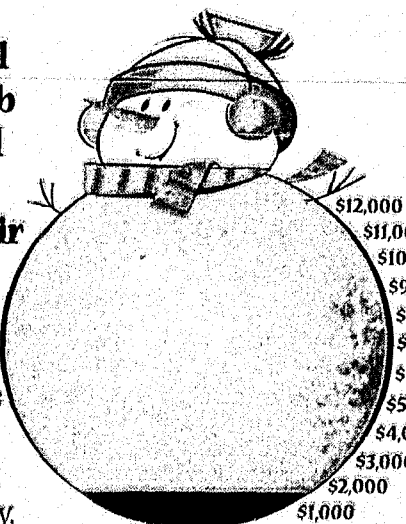
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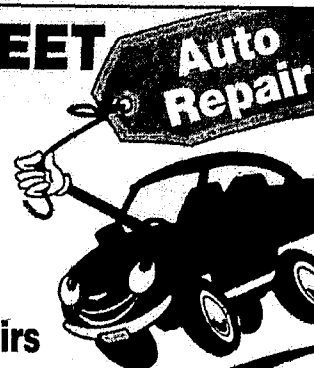
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GRANGES

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Alvin Stevens and Stan Howe recently received pins and certificates commemorating their 55 years of service as members of Alder River Grange #145 at the Grange Hall in East Bethel. Both were officers in the Grange at the age of 15.

young people."

A half-century ago the Grange halls were a hub of activity for local youth, who often participated as Junior Grange members before becoming eligible for full Grange membership at the age of 14. In 1959, when Alder River Grange was featured in the National Grange's monthly magazine, the article noted:

"Alder River, an honor Grange for the past four years, is a young folks' organization. The oldsters have stepped back and given the reins to their youth. The Master, Peter Haines, at 18, conducts the meetings as well as a man twice his age. George Haines, his brother, at 16 is the Overseer. Fred

Haines III, the Steward, is 17. Stanley Howe, Treasurer, is 15, and Alvin Stevens, the Gatekeeper, is also 15. Miss Ruth Stevens, Lady Assistant Steward, is 17. Ceres is Miss Phyllis Coolidge, 18; Flora, Miss Charlotte Crockett, 17. Other officers are older. The following message comes from Mrs. Myra Foster, of Alder River Grange: 'All these young people are very dependable in attendance, in all Grange work, as well as community and school activities.'"

James Haines of East Bethel, the son of George and nephew of Peter, carries on the family tradition as an active member and Overseer of Alder River Grange, and also serves as the Deputy State



Franklin Grange #124 in Bryant Pond boasts the state's only remaining two-story outhouse, although members are in the process of raising money to install indoor plumbing.

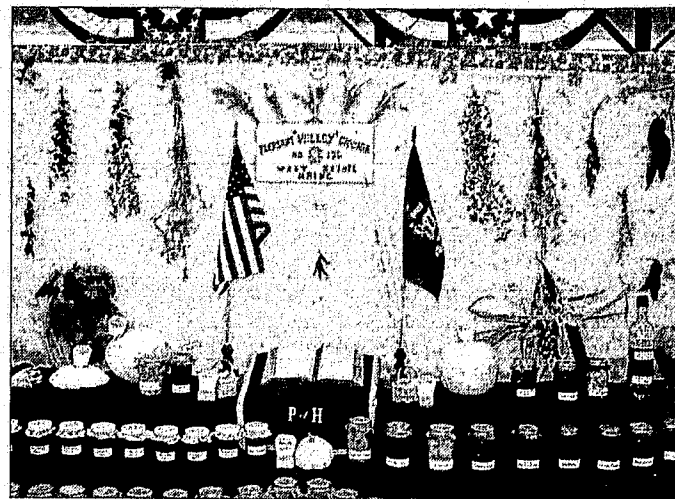
Master for the Pomona, or county level, Grange.

Although the local Granges are no longer filled with teenagers, they continue to welcome new members. Felt says of Franklin Grange, "We still take in new members nearly every year, and they're awfully good workers. They work together very well with our older members."

Felt has been the Master of Franklin Grange #124 in Bryant Pond since 1975. "The last time, I tried to decline the nomination because I thought they should give someone else a chance, but they insisted," he said.

Now 90, Felt joined the Grange as a teenager and recently received his 75-year pin.

"I've held all the positions over the years," he says, referring to the Grange's ceremonial offices, which include Master, Overseer, Lecturer, Steward, and Chaplain, among others. And although Felt's popular old-time band no longer regularly plays at dances, as they did for more than 50 years, he and a couple of other Grangers still entertain at meetings. "We always have music," he says. "Music is good for the soul." In West Bethel, John Applin is the Master of Pleasant



Pleasant Valley Grange #136 in West Bethel displays agricultural products and handicrafts at the Fryeburg Fair each year.

Valley Grange #136, which he joined with his wife Pauline around 1970. Pleasant Valley Grange members display agricultural products and handicrafts at the Oxford and Fryeburg Fairs each fall, sponsor a summer flea market, and put on a supper for senior citizens.

Pleasant Valley Grange, like the others, must work hard to maintain membership. But, says Applin, "We feel fortunate to have taken in two new members in just the past month."

Those new members, Owen and Debbie Brown, are lifelong area residents, and although they are new to the Grange, both had grandparents who were members. They first attended a meeting as guests, and became interested in joining Pleasant Valley Grange when they realized that the Grange's philosophy and activities reflected their own interests.

"They're into agriculture, and helping the community," says Owen Brown, who

raises vegetables, fruit trees, and perennials at their home in the Steam Mill section of Bethel. "They pass on good ideas for gardening that other people have had success with. And if they had more members, they could do more."

According to Debbie Brown, it was a conversation with her friend, Pleasant Valley Grange member Maryvonne Wheeler, that made up their minds about Grange membership.

Wheeler says, "For me, it's the people who belong and the fact that it prompts me to try new stuff in my garden, including jams and jellies that I can show off at the fairs."

She adds that she values the Grange's commitment to helping social service organizations like Androscooggin Home Health and the Hope Association.

"Her answer was the defining factor for us in deciding to join," says Debbie Brown.

MILES

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Iowa State, Oklahoma State, Wisconsin, Stanford and Georgetown.

Holt-Andrews made a decision in eighth grade to dedicate himself to becoming the best distance runner he could be. A good all-around athlete, that meant giving up other sports he liked to focus on running.

During his freshman year of high school, he said, "I felt it a little during basketball season."

But he persevered, running varying distances for training for all but about 10 days a year, in all kinds of weather. He attended running camps

in Florida and in the high altitude of Colorado.

He also aimed for eight hours of sleep a night and paid faithful attention to his diet, to what he was using to fuel his body.

"My family eats pretty healthy, so that hasn't been too bad," he said.

All the discipline required, said Holt-Andrews, has been easier to take when it's dished out by Crooker, a high-level runner himself.

"He knows what he's talking about," said Holt-Andrews. "He has the background. He's raced with really good people. It gives me a lot more faith

listening to him and buying into the training."

Crooker, originally from Illinois, ran after college with a club team that competed at the national level.

In addition to advising on training, Crooker helps Holt-Andrews prepare himself mentally for races.

"I try to stay calm," said Holt-Andrews. "I try not to think about it until within about an hour of the race."

Said Crooker, "Nervous energy can be counterproductive. I try to get him to smile and laugh." But as the start ap-

proaches, said Holt-Andrews, "I let myself get a little nervous to get hyped up."

Crooker said communication between runner and coach is very important.

"He needs to share how he feels and what's working," he said.

All the preparation has worked out very well this season, in Holt-Andrews' last year of high school.

He won the individual championships in the Mountain Valley Conference, in regional and state Class C, and particularly impressive, the Festival of Champions in Bel-

fast.

The festival brought together 1,400 top high school runners from across New England and Canada. Holt-Andrews not only won, he broke the 5-kilometer course record by 20 seconds.

He went on to compete in the New England Championships, where he finished third, and most recently the Footlocker race.

After the San Diego competition he will continue training ahead of spring track season, where he competes at the one- and two-mile and 5k distances.

Last July he broke the Maine all-time track record in the 5k at the New Balance Outdoor National competition.

As for the next step - college - Holt-Andrews said he is both excited and nervous. In addition to his demanding competition schedule, he also wants to major in chemical engineering.

Crooker looks forward to watching him, but admits to mixed feelings.

"It's been very rewarding over the last four years. It's not often a coach gets an athlete that wants to be where he is," he said. "I'll miss him."

Bethel man arrested for night hunting

By PETER MCGUIRE;
Sun Media wire

A Bethel man was arrested last Thursday morning on three charges, including night hunting.

Bradley R. Chamberlain, 26, was arrested by the Maine Warden Service around 7:17 a.m. in Bethel and charged with night hunting, operating without a license and failure to ap-

pear in court.

According to the Oxford County Jail, a warrant for Chamberlain's arrest was issued by Rumford District Court when he failed to appear to face an illegal attachment of plates charge. Chamberlain was released on \$200 cash bail and a \$500 unsecured bond at 8:30 a.m. Thursday.

Maine law prohibits hunting wild animals from half

an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise. A violation is punishable by a mandatory three-day jail sentence and a \$1,000 fine.

This was the second arrest on night-hunting charges in the area in less than a week. Last Wednesday, wardens arrested a Rumford man who allegedly shot at a deer decoy they were operating in Woodstock.



The Way I See It

By Sharon Bouchard

The Thanksgiving turkey is now in the pot on the stove destined to become a turkey noodle soup, of which I always make way too much. A smart person would freeze some of it to have on a cold winter day, but no one has ever accused me of being smart. We'll eat soup for a week and not want anything to do with turkey for quite some time to come.

Now I must turn my thoughts to Christmas and just how I will accomplish the shopping on a very limited budget. A smart person would have been buying a little each month throughout the year and be all set for Christmas, but no one ever accused me of being smart.

To be fair to myself one year I did shop throughout the year and was all done with Christmas shopping by Labor Day.

I was very proud of myself when everyone sitting around the Thanksgiving dinner table was talking about how much they dreaded the shopping they had to do for the upcoming holiday. I bragged about how organized I was and how I didn't have to do any shopping at all. A smart person would have kept their mouth shut, but no one ever accused me of being smart. My smugness started

to disappear when I realized that I couldn't remember where I had put many of the presents when I bought them many months before. There was no smugness whatsoever on Christmas morning when I discovered that the clothing I bought for my grandkids would no longer fit them and they were not at all excited with the toys I got them because they had no use for sun and surf type

sew I could make a lot of Christmas presents, but that is not the case. I do know how to knit in a straight line, but I never learned to turn corners so I can't really knit any gifts unless a 10 foot scarf that curls up on the sides would be considered a good gift. A smart person would know how to do all of this, but no one ever accused me of being smart.

On top of the presents I have to figure out how to get a Christmas tree and naturally I want a big live tree with perfect shape and that costs a lot of money. A smart person would settle for a nice realistic artificial tree that could be used year after year, but no one ever accused me of being smart.

I guess the best thing for me to do is stop feeling sorry for myself and do the best I can with what I've got. My family will be happy with whatever I do. I can, in fact, make a lot of different types of candy and fruit breads and they make great gifts. If I am a careful shopper I can get more than enough presents for the grandkids.

Now that I think of it I could even freeze turkey noodle soup in those pretty plastic containers and give some of those as gifts because the way I see it that is exactly what a smart person would do.

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Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



We have one more chance to see a meteor shower this year. The peak night of the Geminid meteor shower will be Friday, Dec. 13, into the morning of Saturday, Dec. 14. The Geminids are considered one of the best meteor showers in the Northern Hemisphere, but this year it will be hard to see them because of the bright light of the waxing gibbous moon. The best time to view will be after the moon sets about two hours before dawn on Dec. 14. Most meteor showers are the result of Earth passing through the dust from the debris of

comets. The Geminid meteor showers are the result of Earth passing through the dust of an asteroid.

The Woodside One Wheelers, a unique performing circus arts group from Topsham, rode their unicycles in the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade on November 28. This is the oldest Thanksgiving Day parade in the country. The unicyclists are young people ranging in age from third grade through high school. The following day, the unicyclists performed at the NBA game between the Philadelphia 76ers and the New Orleans Pelicans. Marie Ring, the granddaughter of the late Maggie Ring of Locke's Mills, has performed with the Woodside One Wheelers for the past eight years. You can

see their performances at their website www.woodsideonewheelers.org.

Lowell's Saw Shop on Route 26 is selling wreaths and kissing balls, as well as Christmas trees in many sizes. The proceeds from the sales go to the snowmobile trail maintenance work done by Greenstock's Snowmobile Club.

I reported in October that on Oct. 1, my mother and I began the process of forcing our poinsettia to blossom. Forcing poinsettias to bloom depends on a rigid light schedule. The plants must be in total darkness for twelve hours a day. The poinsettia, which is two feet tall, now has beautiful bright red flower bracts and is ready for Christmas.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

that the frost danced in the air, making the scene even more magical.

As I walked along I would stop every now and then and just listen. I could hear the ice in the river cracking and glugging. You know that noise it makes when it starts settling. It was a beautiful morning to be out experiencing the cold, the sun, and the most amazing sights.

Of course, you know by now that I enjoy the snow, so it's no surprise to you that I was smiling from ear to ear on Monday morning when I woke up to the scatter of snow we got. It was perfect, as it stuck to the ice that was left by last week's storm and made things a little less slippery.

I pray over this next week that you'll look in on a neighbor you maybe haven't seen in a bit and let them know you care. If you feel like bringing them a morsel or two, by all means, but maybe just sharing a smile and a nice conversation will be enough to brighten their day. Be well neighbors, I look forward to hearing from you.

Now that Thanksgiving is behind us, maybe you want to share some of your Christmas traditions with me. Please feel free to call me at 357-3469 or e-mail brindlelabs@gmail.com if you would like to share.

Locke's Mills

By BETSEY FOSTER



Ringside Bar is the proposed name for a bar in Locke's Mills. Town Manager Kim Sparks said Tom Boughter, Waterford, hopes to lease the former gem shop on Main Street across from what was Jordan's Restaurant for the bar. There was a public hearing on the liquor license last Tuesday evening. That was too late to get in this column, so I'll let you know the results next week.

Recently the Greenwood Selectmen signed a letter of support for the hotel/night train from Montreal to Boston with a stop in Bethel. Of course, no permits or track permissions have been obtained by the person who wants this to happen, but it is a great dream. Maybe it will become reality in this lifetime.

There will be an open house at the new town office some Friday in December. Once the furnace is hooked up and the floors have been sealed, a date will be announced. You read that right - the furnace is still not connected.

Amy Chapman, one of our Selectmen, was a guest on the Writers Forum of radio station WERU. She read an

excerpt from a book she is writing. We have such talented folks around here.

I missed a big event recently. Thanksgiving and the beginning of Hanukkah fell on the same day last week. That may not seem like a big deal, but it won't happen again for nearly 80,000 years. And I missed it. Will try to do better the next time it rolls around.

There are a few Christmas lights up, and we sure need all the light we can get right now. The sun rises around 7 a.m. and starts to go down by 3:30 p.m. No wonder we have all these celebrations of light this time of the year. Besides Hanukkah, Christmas, and the solstice, there are also Hindu and Buddhist holidays now. We all need that light to return, and it will start to do so on the Winter Solstice, Dec. 21. Until then, get those decorative lights up and brighten things a bit.

Luckily, there are a number of festivities in the area to help us get through the dark days. This Saturday is the Christmas Tea at the Congregational Church in Bethel. Upstairs is the tea with all kinds of homemade sandwiches and sweets. Downstairs is the craft fair with many handmade items as well greens for the holidays. There is Christmas with the Masons at the Bethel Historical Society. There are church fairs and various goings-on at oth-

er locations. Check out the Community Calendar for details. Any and all events make for a good time and a chance to socialize.

OK. Got the light issue covered. How about those temperatures? Last Saturday, Nov. 30, the lows around here ranged from zero to -4 degrees. And, it was still November. There were more than a few people shaking their heads and wondering just what January is going to bring. Keep those stove fires burning.

Please send news to 3taich16@gmail.com.

Bryant Pond

By ALICE HOYT



The Greenwood-Woodstock Senior Citizens will meet today, Dec. 5, at the Town Conference Room for a meeting at 11:30 and a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share, plus your own place setting. If you wish to exchange gifts, bring one. Also, items will be collected for the food pantry and Kids for Christmas.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet at the Hall on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. for a regular meeting. Cards and gifts will be exchanged. Potluck dinner at noon.

The Whitman Memorial Library program will be Thursday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. Jim Burke, a former teacher and present organist at the West

OCSD Patrol Log

Tuesday, Nov. 26

At 5:31 p.m. Sgt. Tim Holland responded to the East Andover Road in Andover for a report of a stolen vehicle. The residence had also been burglarized and medical marijuana taken.

At 7:06 and 7:43 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded to property-damage crashes on the Songo Pond Road in Bethel.

Wednesday, Nov. 27

At 11:06 a.m. a complaint was received of speeding on Paradise Road in Bethel that had been previously addressed through increased patrol, radar trailer deployment, warnings and summonses. The complainant was told patrols were continuing.

At 12:57 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney assisted State Police with a traffic offense on a tractor trailer on Route 2 in the Bethel/Hanover area. The driver was asked to spread the word to other company trucks to slow down and drive a little more carefully.

At 6:35 p.m. Deputy Peter Casey responded with State Police to Upton for a report of an intoxicated subject causing problems and being restrained.

Thursday, Nov. 28

At 11:32 p.m. a caller in Woodstock reported children had been walking down the road and an older man told them he was their grandfather and tried getting them to walk to his location. Cpl. Justin Brown located the subject and identified and questioned him.

Friday, Nov. 29

At 5:17 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney received a report of a minivan impersonating a police officer and trying to pull people over on Route 5 in Bethel. Investigation revealed it was a firefighter responding to a call and then being cancelled.

Saturday, Nov. 30

At 11:18 a.m. Cpl. George Cayer assisted the Maine Warden Service for a subject observed hunting with a rifle pointing out the window in Andover.

Monday, Dec. 2

At 7:56 a.m. Deputy Willie Nelson and Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Main Street in Woodstock for a single vehicle that had slid off the road and rolled over. There were no injuries.

At 9:29 a.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Route 26 in Woodstock for a property-damage accident. A vehicle hauling a cattle trailer had slowed, reacting to a crash ahead, and lost control. The vehicle jackknifed.

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KEEPING IT LOCAL — The 17th annual Local Crafts & Wares Fair kicked off the holiday shopping season the day after Thanksgiving at the Bethel Inn Resort's conference center. Sponsored by the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, the fair attracted crowds of shoppers and an array of crafters selling baskets, jewelry, needlework, woodcrafts, and other handmade items. Here, Cathy Newell of Greenwood admires holiday-themed "penny rugs" made by Sylvia Simmons of Byron for use as decorative table mats.

A. Chapman



REPURPOSING WOOL—Melody Bonnema visits with Cheryl Nokes of Peru, who "repurposes" wool sweaters and coats to make mittens, wallets, purses, and other useful accessories.

A. Chapman

Paris Universalist Church, will be playing his keyboard for a Sing-Along of Christmas Carols for all ages. Also, Town Manager Vern Maxfield will read a couple Christmas poems. Special Christmas goodies will be served. Open to the public at no charge.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVCW will meet at the home of Alice Hoyt on Monday, Dec. 9, for a meeting and exchange of gifts and tasting party.

Thanks to the National Honor Society for the very nice Thanksgiving dinner held at Telstar High School.

The Woodstock Historical Society will meet on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Town Conference Room. There will be a potluck supper at 6 p.m. followed by a meeting. Instead of exchanging gifts, please bring the amount of money you would have spent on a gift and it will be donated to charity. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck supper.

Robert Hoyt and Lisa Petrucci were visitors at the Hoyts on Saturday. They helped with some Christmas decorations.

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, Brooks Ray Suttles, church planter to Yarmouth, will be at the church. Ladies' Coffee Cup Devotions will be Tuesday,

Dec. 10 at the parsonage. Please bring a gift to exchange (\$5 or less). Sunday, Dec. 22 at 6 p.m. is the annual Christmas program. Candlelight service on Dec. 24 at 6 p.m.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



Dec. 14 is the day the Upton Ladies Aid Association has picked for the Annual Community Christmas Party. I do not know when the Ladies plan to start serving Sunday breakfasts. I do know that Harvey and I are ready for them to start.

The State Line Snowmobile Club is scheduled to meet Saturday, Dec. 7 at the Upton House.

The Upton Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 7 p.m. at the town office.

I left Upton about 4 a.m. Monday, Dec. 2. When I was almost to the New Hampshire State line, I saw a moose standing on the right side of the road. Then I realized that there was another one that was kneeling in the center of the road (I believe they do that to lick salt off the road). The road was a bit slippery but somehow I slid by and around the moose and kept the pickup on the road. I was wide awake for the remain-

der of my trip to Vermont.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

Andover

By JANE C. RICH



A total of 50 deer have been tagged at the Mills' Market tagging station. Of course, there is still muzzle loading season to go through. I'll have Big Deer Contest information and winner next week.

In December, Town Office thoughts turn to the annual report to the town and articles for March Town Meeting. The deadline for submission of articles will be Friday, Jan. 3, 2014. The Town Report must be compiled and edited in order to be sent out to print in early February. The Selectmen are also seeking photo entries for the Town Report Cover which will be printed in black and white, so be sure to consider that fact in choosing the photo you submit.

For all of you who love to come together and sing Christmas Carols, you have a great opportunity to do that this Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the First Congregational Church. Please bring non-perishable food items or a monetary donation for the Food Pantry. A group of

volunteers gathered at the pantry on Tuesday to stock shelves with the supplies provided by the Sunday River Skiway Tin Can Round-up and the USDA delivery. Please note the pantry will be closed Dec. 24 and 31. Christmas Baskets and Star Gifts for children will be distributed on Tuesday, Dec. 17.

The Town will be into the Christmas spirit in a big way when Santa arrives at 2 p.m. on Dec. 14 at the Fire Station. There will be three venues for your shopping pleasure on that day. At the Fire Station from 9 to 3, The First Congregational Church from 8 to 2 and the Town Hall. Lunch will be served at the Fire Station featuring soup and sandwiches, while bean and dog lovers and those who like American Chop Suey can find these delights at the church. Some of us have referred to this as Christmas in Sno-Valley or winter Olde Home Day. The church would welcome those who want to help out by baking for the food sale.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



'Tis the season... for ever-changing weather that is. One minute it is in the low 20s and then the temperature climbs up to

almost 40 degrees. Last Sunday was gray and dismal and trying to snow.

My brother, Steve McLain, stopped by the house last Saturday. I had just made a batch of no-bake cookies, so on his way home, by way of the North Road, he delivered a container to Brad.

We have had two male cardinals and only one female at the feeder this past week.

Steve and Lise McLain enjoyed a lovely Thanksgiving Dinner with their son Brad and his wife Carole on Thanksgiving Day. They also went to the Rotary Breakfast at Gould on Sunday with Brad and Carole.

Lise McLain went to the Local Craft and Wares Fair last Friday in Bethel. She was lucky enough to win one of the prizes (a scented draft stopper) in the raffle. She also went to the Bethel Historical Society's museum store and bought a book about Mainers in the Civil War.

Hugh and I also went to the Wares Fair last Friday. First, we picked up Sidney in Gorham, N.H. early in the morning at Dunkin' Donuts, of course, so she could go with us. She always finds some great gift items for her family for Christmas. I was also lucky enough to win one of the raffle items. We ran into Cathy Newell and visited for a while. After shopping there,

we went to the Bethel Historical Society's museum store to see what they had during their sale. We had a nice visit with Rachel MacKay, who was greeting people who came in the door and ringing up sales at the register.

We were invited to a late Thanksgiving Dinner at Tim and Michele's house on Saturday evening. The grandchildren, William, Annie, Ajay and Sidney, were all present for a great meal prepared by Tim and Michele. Michele's parents Leo and Ann Croteau were also there. The turkey and fixin's were delicious and there was plenty of pie for dessert.

Sunday morning when I checked my e-mail, there was an e-mail from Peter and Claudia Risbara, who are in Rome, Italy. Getting an e-mail from Italy was a first for me. They said that they had seen the Pope and he was giving a sermon across from where they were staying. Peter and Claudia are the new owners of the former Gillander house in Gilead near the entrance to Route 113.

Last Sunday afternoon, we headed for Berlin to watch Sidney play hockey. They did not win the game, but they played defense very well and kept the score for the other team down.

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By KATHY BENNETT



Greetings from beautiful Albany all covered with snow with the feeling of Christmas in the air. Thanksgiving is over and now we can concentrate on Christmas.

Sunday afternoon, Margaret Barton, Jane Wardwell and Kathy Bennett attended the Christmas concert featuring Phil House at the piano and Kathy Haley as the soloist at the Deering Memorial Methodist Church in South Paris.

It was a great way to begin the holiday season. If you have never heard these two people perform or heard Phil by himself, it is a fantastic experience. Phil will be on Channel Six's 207 Friday, Dec. 13 at seven o'clock in the evening.

On Saturday, Nov. 24, Jane Wardwell entertained nieces Jessica Nye and Danjean Collins and their families for a Thanksgiving meal, as they were with in-laws on Thursday. Nephew, Darrin, had to work on Nov. 24. He and his family joined Jane on Thanksgiving Day.

Those attending Thanksgiving dinner at Dolly and James Barton's, were Margaret and Franklin Barton, Meghan Barton, friend Mike and little Frank; Rachel Barton, Justin Barton and Kyli.

Chris and Elton Cole hosted Thanksgiving at the farm. Those attending were Megan and Patrick Cotter, Maire and Eben Katlin, Cole and Devin, Kayla Cole and friend Robert, Heather Hayes, Doug and Jen Bennett, Bella, Dan and Heidi Bennett, Tristan and Carter, David Bennett and Nana Bennett. So nice to have our families together.

Enjoy the weeks ahead as we prepare for the next holiday, celebrating the true meaning of Christmas, the birth of Jesus so long ago. Until next week.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY



It was a fairly quiet Thanksgiving week-end throughout Hanover. Many residents were visiting out-of-town family and friends. For you snowbirds wanting the "full report," the weather was not so quiet. It was a week of extremes—falling and rising temps, snow, rain, sleet, and high winds—resulting in intermittent loss of power throughout town and the region. Saturday Hanover awoke to a picture

postcard morning—blinding sun on frosty trees and sparkling gentle flurries.

The local ski resorts are hard at work making snow. Despite the recent warm temps, skiable terrain is beginning to materialize and trails of white can be seen on the distant mountains.

Over the past few weeks, several Hanover residents mentioned they had visited Chris Howe at the Mexico One Stop. Chris, former proprietor of Gordie Howe's Store, is reportedly doing well and is quite busy with his new venture. The One Stop is located on Route 17 just off Route 2 in Mexico.

Don't miss the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting this Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in front of the Town Office. Refreshments will follow at the Town House on Howard Pond Road.

Got news, comments, feedback? E-mail HanoverNews@yahoo.com.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last Sunday, Pastor John Williams of the West Bethel Union Church, thinking of the Christmas season, asked the children during the "Youth and Children" time, "What is it that you think you really must have right now?" He received such answers as love, friendship, good food and other responses of that type. But, one little voice (whom I could not identify or see from the choir loft) replied, "A penguin!" This answer brought a chorus of giggles and laughter from the congregation. Out of the mouths of babes!

Also last week, several Grovers, including Rupert, Dan, Garth and friends with roots or relationships in Mason departed for a week of deer hunting in Quebec, Canada. I think the destination was Anticosti Island (Ile d'Anticosti) in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

I'm told there are numerous white tail deer there, and hunters are allowed to shoot more than one deer each. I turned down the opportunity to join them be-

cause I am no longer as eager to shoot deer as I was when of a younger age. Besides, Mona is not really fond of eating venison!

Before leaving for Canada, Dan Grover cut down a lovely balsam fir Christmas tree for the church and left it leaning against the outside corner of the church near the front entrance. Since Pastor John wanted the tree set up for last Sunday's service, I got to church early and got the tree stood up and anchored to the walls in the front left corner of the sanctuary before the 9 a.m. service. The tree will be decorated by the children, assisted by a few fathers after a fellowship supper on the evening of Dec. 14, while other parents and congregants sing Christmas carols and await the arrival of Santa Claus. Also, the Ladies Aide will be having their annual Christmas "greens" sale that same Saturday.

I must report that Shiloh was very relieved to have his blaze orange hunting vest removed after sunset last Saturday (end of deer season). The first thing he did after the removal was to lie down on his back and writhe around to relieve that "itching feeling" of the tight garment. At least he survived deer season!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



It is December and this week-end, in addition to going into the final month of 2013, we experienced both snow and cold weather. When we arrived at work at the transfer station, it was 3 degrees. It later rose to 23 or so, but it was chilly most of the day. We were so busy we had no time to be cold. Even the usual suspect hoarders didn't stay long but preferred to go somewhere they could be warm. Can't blame them, I would have left if I could. We were so toasted from the cold and being out straight most of the day that we have to forego the Chanukah party. We

showered and went to bed instead.

The girls have been staying in most of the time, but Sunday it was a little warmer and they roamed most of the day. They went in just before Dave returned home, around 5 p.m. Monday they decided to stay in and avoid the snow covered driveway. Can't say as I blame them, but I think they get housebound if they are in too long. They have a light in their house to keep them warm and their water from freezing.

Off to Kennebunk on Tuesday for a review of my Lyme. Can't wait to see if I need a change in meds to confront those spirochetes head-on. Hopefully Tuesday will be good weather wise. It is a long drive but worth it. At least I know I will get assistance there. I've gone further for medical care and gotten less in terms of results; as in when I went to Boston (Brigham and Women's) for assistance after six months of laryngitis. No help there.

Hope all had as good a Thanksgiving as we did. Family and friends congregated here and a good meal was had by all. There was even enough for the vegetarians in the crowd.

Saturday, Dec. 7 is Pearl Harbor day, the day to remember the bombing of Pearl Harbor in Hawaii. I hope it is a day that will be remembered by generations to come. Seems like today's young people are not being taught history as it needs to be taught.

Dec. 7 there is a fundraising supper and silent auction at Fare Share Commons on Main Street in Norway. Supper begins at 5:30 p.m. FMI please call 743-9044.

There is also a Waterford World's Fair Supper at the Waterford Congregational Church. The menu includes baked haddock with potato and vegetable. FMI please call Bill Winslow at 594-1601 or Dana Hemingway at 595-2430.

That will be all for this week. Stay warm and eat well. To send me info to insert here please call 743-0583.



J. Arizzi

Mahoosuc Band holiday concert

The Mahoosuc Community Band will have its annual Holiday Concert Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel.

The band has added new selections to the holiday concert. These include "The Ludlows" from the movie "Legends of the Fall" by James Horner featuring Liz Smith on the piano and "Music of the Beatles" arranged by Michael Sweeney. Both songs were purchased with the Buy-A-Song program. Naturally the concert includes traditional favorites, "Go Tell It on the Mountain" arranged by Jay Sawson, "March of the Toys" arranged by Otto Langey and Herbert Clarke, "All I Want for Christmas is You" by Mariah Carey and arranged by Larry Kerchner and "Christmas Day, Fantasy on Old Carols" by Gustav Holst and arranged by Larry Daehn. And this includes "Sleigh Ride" by Leroy Anderson, a community favorite. Refreshments following the concert allow time to visit with the musicians. Donations help with music and instrument purchases and ongoing costs to run the volunteer community band.

The band has been bringing music to the greater Bethel area for 20 years. It was formed to share music when SAD 44's music program was eliminated for a few years, as a cost-saving effort. Since then both the SAD 44 music program and the Mahoosuc Community Band have grown. The community band now includes people from Hanover, Rumford, Dixfield, Waterford, Woodstock, Greenwood, Bethel, Albany, South Paris, and Berlin, N.H. It's a group of people of all ages that just enjoy making music together. The group rehearses Monday nights from 7 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church in Bethel. The band will start rehearsals for 2014 on Jan. 6, after the Christmas break. School musicians are encouraged to join the Monday night rehearsals, and enhance their Middle School or High School music programs. The band plans a spring concert in May before the summer performances.

New members, or old-timers who may need to dust off their instruments, are always welcome. Contact Patricia Boyle-Wight, director, (824-8453 or PBoyleWight@Ants.edu) or Kathleen DeVore, president, (875-2364 or katdev@aol.com) for more information.

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This beautiful cat may be a little insecure, but she has the potential to blossom into a confident cat with the right person.

Responsible Pet Care of Oxford Hills is a no-kill, non-profit shelter and adoption center for cats and dogs; and the holding area for stray dogs for 12 towns in Oxford County. The shelter has moved to a new location at 9 Swallow Road in Paris.

Anyone interested in adopting a pet from RPC can visit the shelter Tuesday-Sunday 12-4 p.m. Most of the adoptable pets and the adoption application can be found online on the shelter's website at www.rpc.petfinder.com.

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"Into the Mind" film at Gould

On Saturday, Dec. 7 at Gould Academy's Bingham Auditorium, The Sunday River Ski & Snowboard Club is hosting the Western Maine premiere of Sherpa Cinema's latest full length, feature ski film "Into the Mind."

"Into the Mind" is a story of rising to the ultimate challenge. With stunning cinematography and groundbreaking storytelling techniques, Sherpas Cinema blurs the lines between dream state and reality, and immerses the audience into the mind of a common skier as he attempts to climb and ski the ultimate mountain. As the audience experiences the majesty of Alaska, Bolivia, the Himalayas and beyond, "Into the Mind" paints a philosophical portrait of human kind. During the movie the audience will question how do we balance risk and reward.

"Sherpas has a great reputation of being more than a traditional ski movie company. Even if you aren't a ski movie junkie, I'm confident that Into the Mind will provide you with a great experience," says Scott Harvey of the Ski and Snowboard Club.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Swag and giveaways begin at 6:30. The movie begins at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. All proceeds go to support Sunday River/Bethel on-snow athletes.

The Sunday River Ski and Snowboard club is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting local winter athletes, of all ages and abilities, with financial assistance and human capital.

For more info go to: <http://www.sundayriverskiand-snowboardclub.camp8.org/movienight>.

Public input sought for AT document

The National Park Service is starting the process of preparing a Foundation Document for planning and management of the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, a unit of the National Park Service. The trail would like to invite the public to join in this effort.

A Foundation Document involves revisiting a national park unit's core purpose and significance, most important resources and values, and the interpretive themes that tell the park's important stories. Although the Foundation Document is not a decision-making document and does not include actions or management strategies, it describes a shared understanding of what is most important about the park. In this capacity, the Foundation Document will reestablish the underlying guidance for future management and planning decisions at Appalachian National Scenic Trail. Because many of the trail's original planning documents are out of date, preparing the Foundation Document is the first step for considering the park's future planning and study needs.

The National Park Service invites you to play a role in charting the trail's future by sharing your thoughts on what is most important about the Appalachian National Scenic Trail, and to help identify its most pressing threats and its greatest opportunities. Your feedback will allow the park to take your thoughts into consideration as they prepare the Foundation Document.

You may submit your feedback at www.parkplanning.nps.gov/appafoundation from Dec 9 - Jan 9 by responding to five questions about the park's significance, threats, and opportunities.

About the Appalachian National Scenic Trail: The Appalachian Trail is a 2,184 mile long public footpath that traverses the scenic, wooded, pastoral, wild, and culturally resonant lands of the Appalachian Mountains. Conceived in 1921, built by private citizens, and completed in 1937, today the trail is managed by the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Appalachian Trail Conservancy, numerous state agencies and thousands of volunteers. www.nps.gov/appa.

Cut Christmas tree in WMNF

The White Mountain National Forest has announced that families may cut a Christmas tree for personal use on National Forest land, subject to the following rules:

- * The trees will be used for personal use only, not for resale.
- * Each family may cut only one tree.
- * The tree must be on National Forest land.
- * Trees may not be cut down in or near campgrounds, picnic areas, experimental forests, timber sale areas or within 100 feet of a state highway.
- * The tree must not be larger than eight inches in diameter at chest height.
- * The tree must be cut so the remaining stumps are less than 10 inches high.

To apply for a permit to cut down a tree on WMNF land west of Bethel, apply at the Gorham, N.H., office. For more information, call the WMNF headquarters at 603-536-6100.

Senior College Players perform

Senior College Players "wowed" a capacity audience at each of their performances held on Nov. 22 and 23 at the Gould Academy Science Center Trustees Auditorium. At an intermission during the three-comedy performance, cast members further "wowed" the audience with an assortment of homemade cookies for their enjoyment.

The evening was dedicated to Joe and Lynn Arizzi. Lynn organized the Senior College Players seven years ago and Joe was her faithful photographer as well as participant. They have since relocated to Florida. Ross Timberlake, named director, and Lorrie Hoeh, assistant director, sensing the need to move in new directions, worked with a team of veteran players to come up with the new format and to select the plays.

Throughout ten weeks of rehearsals, Ross and Lorrie served as "facilitators," challenging the team of cast members to stay in character and have fun. The end result provided a wonderful learning experience for new members and veterans alike. A very successful event followed as the thespians entertained their friends and neighbors in two performances. Cast members have expressed their thanks and appreciation to Ross and Lorrie for their excellent direction and support.

Senior College Players is a class on acting and performance offered by Western Mountains Senior College. It is open to community members fifty years and older and held in the fall.

WinterKids Downhill registration open

Registration is now open for the 2nd annual WinterKids Downhill 24, which will take place at Mt. Abram from noon on Saturday, March 8, 2014 to noon on Sunday, March 9, 2014. This event, the only one of its kind in Maine, is a fun, fast-paced 24-hour ski challenge that will raise money for WinterKids, the nonprofit organization that helps Maine children develop lifelong healthy habits through fun, outdoor winter activity. The inaugural Downhill 24 was called the Downhill Derby and raised over \$45,000 for WinterKids programs.

The WinterKids Downhill 24 welcomes all levels of skiers and snowboarders who want to ski, ride and have a blast all in support of Maine kids. Registration is open to the first 400 individuals and private or corporate teams of up to 12 participants each. Besides entry into Maine's coolest winter fundraiser, each entrant will receive 23 hours of skiing (the clock springs ahead that Sunday), professional timing services, swag bags, an event t-shirt and race bib, food and entertainment around the clock, and the chance to win terrific prizes. Each individual and team will receive a unique fundraising page, and there will be prizes awarded for those who raise at least \$1000 and a grand prize for the team who raises the most money.

To take advantage of the \$85 per person early-bird registration that will be available until Dec. 15, and to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.WinterKids.org or call (207) 871-5700.

SMH recognized

Timothy A. Churchill, SMH President and CEO, is proud to announce that the Leapfrog Group named Stephens Memorial Hospital in Norway for the second time to its annual list of Top Hospitals. The announcement came at Leapfrog's Annual Meeting on Dec. 3 in Arlington, Va., which gathered key decision-makers from Leapfrog's network of purchaser members, industry partners, health care stakeholders and national collaborators.

Mr. Churchill states, "There is a significant amount of work that goes into the quality initiatives at Stephens Memorial Hospital. Our Board of Trustees, our Medical Staff, and all of our employees are committed to providing exceptional quality care to our patients. This award recognizes that commitment."

"The field of hospitals considered for this year's elite Leapfrog Top Hospital distinction was more competitive than ever. By achieving the Top Hospital accolade, Stephens Memorial Hospital has demonstrated exemplary performance across all areas of quality and patient safety that are analyzed on the Leapfrog Hospital Survey. If my family or friends needed care, I'd be comfortable sending them to Stephens Memorial Hospital," said Leah Binder, President and CEO of The Leapfrog Group.

Stephens Memorial Hospital was selected as a Top Hospital out of a record number of 1,324 hospitals participating in The Leapfrog Group's annual survey. The list includes 22 Top Rural Hospitals, 55 Top Urban Hospitals and 13 Top Children's Hospitals. Hospitals reaching this achievement include academic medical centers, teaching hospitals, children's hospitals, and community hospitals in rural, suburban and urban settings. The selection is based on the results of the Leapfrog Group's annual hospital survey, which measures hospitals' performance on patient safety and quality, focusing on three critical areas of hospital care: how patients fare, resource use, and management structures in place to prevent errors. The results of the survey are posted on a website (<http://www.leapfroggroup.org/cp>) open to patients and families, the public, employers and other purchasers of health care.

About The Leapfrog Group

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Stephens Memorial Hospital is a member of the Maine Health family. For more information please visit their website at www.wmhcc.org or follow them at Facebook.com/StephensMemorialME.

W. Paris Library celebration

"Let Your Light Shine," the annual West Paris Library celebration ushering in the winter season, will take place on Friday, Dec. 13 at 6:15 p.m.

This event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and symbolized by the red heart glowing in the front window, is a way to express the warm wishes and gratitude felt toward all who have supported the library in any way and the community which it serves.

Following the illumination of the lights that will sparkle all around the library, refreshments will be served. The Agnes Gray Explorers will sing a few selections from their upcoming concert, "Story Book Christmas." There will be a sing-along of seasonal favorites with key board player, Susan Glines, and weather permitting, horse drawn wagon rides will be provided by the Stargazer Farms of West Paris for the young and young at heart.

In addition, the library is currently displaying photos by local photography enthusiasts, Dan Trowbridge, Mike Payer, Susan Lyons, Deb Herrick and Ann Holt.

All are welcome to join in this celebration. For more information, please call the library at 674-2004. Library hours are: Monday and Friday 1:30 to 6 p.m., Wednesdays 1:30 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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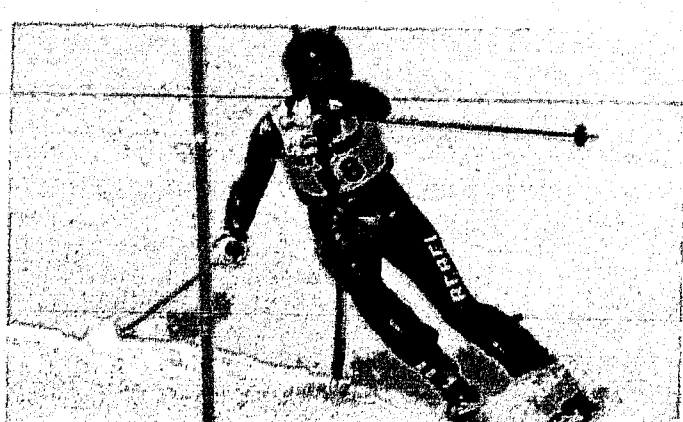
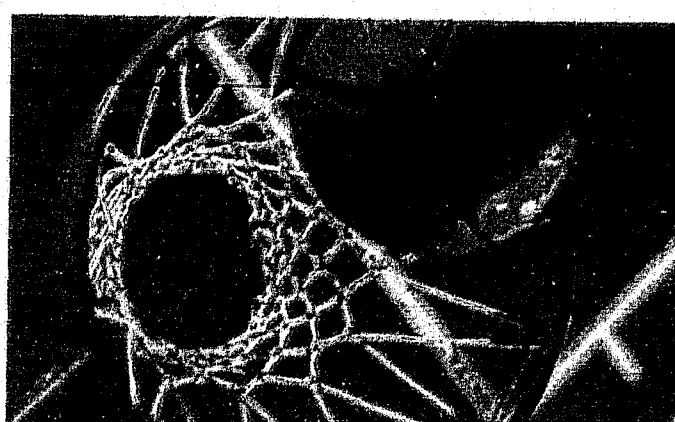
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Telstar Regional High School

WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

Telstar High School GIRLS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	JV/V Time
December			
6	Hall-Dale	Home	5:30/7:00
9	Madison	Away	5:30/7:00
11	Mtn. Valley	Home	5:30/7:00
13	Oak Hill	Away	5:30/7:00
18	Winthrop (Varsity Only)	Away	7:00
21	Boothbay (Varsity Only)	Home	1:00
23	St. Dom's (Varsity Only)	Home	4:00
January			
4	Dirigo	Away	5:30/7:00
7	Lisbon	Home	5:30/7:00
9	Monmouth	Away	5:30/7:00
11	Mt. Abram	Home	1:00/2:30
14	Spruce Mtn.	Away	5:30/7:00
17	Wiscasset (Varsity Only)	Home	5:30
20	Carrabec (Varsity Only)	Away	4:00
24	Mtn. Valley	Away	5:30/7:00
27	Mt. Abram	Away	5:30/7:00
30	Dirigo	Home	5:30/7:00
February			
3	Carrabec (Varsity Only)	Home	7:00

All dates/times/locations subject to change.

Telstar High School ALPINE SKIING

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
January			
3	Giant Slalom	Black Mtn.	4:00
8	Giant Slalom	Sunday River	1:00
10	Slalom	Black Mtn.	4:00
16	Giant Slalom	Sunday River	1:00
18	Slalom	Kent's Hill	9:30
20	Giant Slalom	Mt. Abram	9:30
24	Slalom	Titcomb	4:00
29	Slalom	Black Mtn.	4:00
February			
5	Slalom	Titcomb	4:00
7	Giant Slalom	Black Mtn.	4:00
12	MVC Giant Slalom	Black Mtn.	9:30
15	MVC Slalom	Titcomb	9:30
28 & March 1	States	TBA	

All dates/times/locations subject to change.

Telstar High School BOYS BASKETBALL

DATE	TEAM	PLACE	JV/V Time
December			
7	Hall-Dale	Home	1:00/2:30
10	Madison	Away	5:30/7:00
12	Mtn. Valley	Home	5:30/7:00
14	Oak Hill	Away	1:00/2:30
18	Winthrop	Away	4:00/5:30
21	Boothbay (Varsity Only)	Home	2:30
23	St. Dom's	Home	4:00/5:30
January			
3	Dirigo	Away	5:30/7:00
6	Lisbon	Home	5:30/7:00
8	Monmouth	Away	5:30/7:00
10	Mt. Abram	Home	5:30/7:00
13	Spruce Mtn.	Away	5:30/7:00
17	Wiscasset	Home	4:00/7:00
20	Carrabec (Varsity Only)	Away	5:30
23	Mtn. Valley	Away	5:30/7:00
28	Mt. Abram	Away	5:30/7:00
31	Dirigo	Home	5:30/7:00
February			
3	Carrabec (Varsity Only)	Home	5:30

All dates/times/locations subject to change.

Telstar High School NORDIC SKIING

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	TIME
December			
7	Billy Chenard Pre-Race Freestyle	Black Mtn.	10:00
21	Billy Chenard Memorial Race	Sugarloaf	11:00 Girls 1:00 Boys
27	Sprints	Black Mtn.	10:00
January			
4	Telstar Relays	Telstar	11:00
11	Hornet Classic	Leavitt	10:30 Girls 12:00 Boys
18	Waves Freestyle	Maranacook	1:00 Girls 2:30:00 Boys
25	Sassi Classic	Black Mtn.	11:00 Girls 1:00 Boys
February			
1	Oxford Hills Sprints	Sunny Croft Farm	10:00
5	MVC Freestyle	Black Mtn.	2:00 Girls 3:00 Boys
10	MVC Classic	Titcomb	10:00 Girls 12:00 Boys
19 & 20	State Class C Meet	Black Mtn.	TBA
25	Leavitt Duathlon	Leavitt	3:30

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

District Exchange; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours – No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Food Pantry; Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

Thursday, Dec. 5

Bethel Senior Citizens' Victorian Mansion Trip; 8:30 a.m. \$13 per person.

WES PTA Meeting; Woodstock Elementary School library.

"Let's Talk About It" Book Group; 6:30 p.m., Norway Library. Discussion on "House of Stone" by Anthony Shadidby. Facilitated by Reza Jalali, the Muslim Chaplain at Bates College.

Friday, Dec. 6

Benefit Ham Supper; 5 to 7 p.m., Daddy O's Restaurant, 901 Main Street, Oxford. Adults/\$10, children 12 and under/\$5. Proceeds benefit the Oxford Advent Christian Church 2014 Mission Trip to 99+1 Ministries in San Felipe, Mexico.

First Friday Reception and Holiday Party; 5 to 8 p.m., Western Maine Art Group's Main Street Gallery, 426 Main Street, Norway. Featuring paintings by Julieanne Reed, December's Artist of the Month.

WES Cookies with Santa; 6 to 7:30 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School multi-purpose room.

Cohen Chamber Music Series; 7:30 p.m., Hebron Academy's LePage Center for the Arts, 309 Paris Road, Hebron. Chamber music concert featuring virtuoso cellist Jan Muller-Szeraws and internationally renowned pianist Ya-Fei Chuang. Free and open to the public.

Dec. 7 and 8

Holiday Open House; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Frost Farm Gallery, 272 Pikes Hill, Norway. Light refreshments, plus great savings: 50 percent off all handbags, scarves and linens; 50 percent off most glassware and ceramics; 40 percent off all vintage jewelry; 20 percent off all new jewelry; 20 percent off all Christmas decor; 20 percent off all camp furniture; 15 percent off all vintage and antique prints.

Saturday, Dec. 7

Breakfast with Santa/Silent Auction; 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Crescent Park Elementary School, Bethel. Benefits CPS fifth-grade trip to Boston.

West Paris Firemen's Auxiliary Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Agnes Gray Elementary School, West Paris. Chili, corn chowder, sweets, coffee and bottled water will be on sale.

Greens Sale; 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., West Bethel Union Church. Crafts, cookie walk, and food.

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsored by the River View Resort.

Annual Christmas Tea and Fair; 1 to 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Traditional tea, crafts, Christmas decorations, tiny treasures, cookie walk, and more.

Robinson Ballet Company's 8th Annual Nutcracker Ballet; 3 p.m., Berlin Junior High auditorium, Berlin, N.H. Advance tickets: \$12/adults, \$6/students. FMI: St. Kieran Arts (603-752-1028).

Bethel Rotary Jingle Bell Run; 3:30 p.m.: Meet at 96 Main Street, Bethel to get a bell. 4 p.m.: Run (or walk) to the Bethel Common to be greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claus and see Santa light the 15-foot tree on the common for the coming season. FMI: Ellie Andrews (592-9614 or workngal@megalink.net).

Christmas at the Mason House; 3:30 to 6:30 p.m., Moses Mason House. The first floor period rooms will be open for viewing, decorated in traditional mid-nineteenth century style. Refreshments will be served.

Caroling on Waterford Common; 5 p.m. Christmas carols and a visit from Santa Claus followed by hot cocoa and cookies at the library across the street.

Fundraising Supper and Silent Auction; 5:30 p.m., Fare Share Common. FMI: 743-9044.

Christmas Tree Lighting; 6 to 7 p.m., Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street. Celebrate the lighting of the Memorial Christmas Tree. Music, Desserts and hot drinks served in the dining room. Lights in memory/honor of loved ones can be purchased for \$5 each. Donations can be sent to PO Box 387, Bethel, Maine, 04217.

Silent Movie Night; 7 to 9 p.m., Old Tuscan Opera House, Dixfield. Jeff Rapsis, experienced silent film pianist will accompany two short

films and one full-length feature film. Dirigo High School students, dressed in period garb, will serve as ushers, vendors of popcorn and refreshments and ticket agents. Advance tickets: Kurt Rowly (381-0089) or Rylee L'Italian (367-3935).

Waterford World's Fair Supper; Waterford Congregational Church. Menu: Baked stuffed haddock with potato, vegetable, drink, bread, and homemade pie. FMI: Bill Winslow (595-1601) or Dana Hemingway (595-2430).

Quilt Raffle; The First Universalist Church of West Paris is raffling off a large double-size quilt created by members of the church's Goodwill Fellowship. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. FMI: Beverly Stevens (739-0767 or bstevens@megalink.net).

Fundraising Supper/Silent Auction; 5:30 p.m., Fare Share Commons, Norway. FMI: 743-9044.

"Into the Mind" Ski Film; 6 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Tickets: \$10 at the door. All proceeds support Sunday River/Bethel on-snow athletes.

Sunday, Dec. 8

Mahoosuc Community Band Christmas Concert; 4 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church. Donations accepted to defray costs for the band. Refreshments will be served.

Monday, Dec. 9

Early Childhood ACEs and Resiliency Summit; 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Crosstone Conference Center at the Mollycodd Motel, Route 26, Woodstock. Join Sue Mackey Andrews for an important community discussion about the possible consequences of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) followed by a presentation by Chris Trout on identifying strengths and fostering resilience in the children and families we serve. Sponsored by Community Concepts at no charge. Light breakfast will be provided. Seating is limited so please reserve a spot before Nov. 28. FMI/reservations: Melissa Wakefield (739-6544).

Essentials of College Planning Workshop; 10 a.m., Western Maine University & Community College Center, South Paris. This workshop is free, but preregistration is required. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3707.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Annual Christmas Sale; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ledgewiew Living Center, West Paris. Donations of handiwork or baked goods for this event will be graciously accepted.

Bethel Rotary Senior Luncheon; Doors open at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

Mundt-Allen American Legion Post 81 Christmas Party; 5:30 p.m., Rooster's Roadhouse. RSVP to Bob McCartney (836-3575) or Bob Everett (836-2083) no later than Monday, Dec. 2.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Marketing Workshop; 9 to 11 a.m., The Bethel Inn. Topics covered to include understanding the consumer, exploring the new marketing landscape, questioning current marketing plans and more. \$25/members of chambers of commerce serving Oxford County, \$30/nonprofits and non-chamber businesses. FMI/registration: Visit www.wmedc.org or contact Mia Purcell (739-6543 or mpurcell@communityconcepts.org).

Annual Christmas Sale; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Ledgewiew Living Center, West Paris. Donations of handiwork or baked goods for this event will be graciously accepted.

Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting; 11 a.m., The Bethel Inn. Menu: Choice of turkey or baked haddock. RSVP prior to Dec. 1 by contacting Caroline (824-3226) or Arlene (824-2877).

North Country Community Chorus; 7 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Admission: By donation. FMI: 603-752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Thursday, Dec. 12

Annual Christmas Sale; 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Ledgewiew Living Center, West Paris. Donations of handiwork or baked goods for this event will be graciously accepted.

USDA Local Working Group Meeting; 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., UMaine Cooperative Extension Office, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Interested farmers, landowners and people from all areas of conservation are encouraged to attend.

Christmas Carol Sing-Along; 2 p.m., Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Accompaniment provided by pianist, Jim Burke. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

Friday, Dec. 13

"Let Your Light Shine" Winter Celebration; 6:15 p.m., West Paris Library. Illumination of lights, refreshments, performance by

the Agnes Gray Explorers, sing-along with Susan Glines and horse-drawn wagon rides. FMI: 674-2004.

"It's a Wonderful Life" Opening Night; 7 p.m., Telstar High School. Presented by the THS Theater Department. Free family entertainment. Donations cheerfully accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

North Country Community Chorus; 7 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Admission: \$12/adults, \$6/students. FMI: 603-752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Saturday, Dec. 14

Andover Firemen's Association Craft Fair; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Andover Fire Station. Door will open at 8 a.m. for crafters. At noon soup and sandwiches will be on sale. Santa will arrive at 2 p.m.

Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Potluck Holiday Party; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. All are welcome. FMI: Kevin (farrou@roadrunner.com).

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsor TBA.

"It's a Wonderful Life" Matinee; 2 p.m., Telstar High School. Presented by the THS Theater Department. Free family entertainment. Donations cheerfully accepted. FMI: 824-2136.

Swingin' Bears Teddy Bear Dance; 7 to 10 p.m., Oxford Hills Middle School. Carol Stewart Arsenault will cue the rounds. Admission: \$6. Donations of stuffed toys will be accepted. Proceeds support "Right Start for Kids," a program of Community Concepts in the Oxford Hills area.

Sunday, Dec. 15

North Country Community Chorus; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Admission: \$12/adults, \$6/students. FMI: 603-752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

Heather Pierson Quartet's Charlie Brown Christmas; 3 p.m., Medallion Opera House, 10 Park Street, Gorham, N.H. Tickets: \$12, children under 12 admitted free. FMI/Ticket purchases: www.heatherpierson.com.

"Lead Me Back to Bethlehem" Christmas Cantata; 4 p.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. Performed by the Community Choir from area churches and directed by Beverly Melville. Refreshments following the performance. All are welcome.

Monday, Dec. 16

Essentials of College Planning Workshop; 10 a.m., Western Maine University & Community College Center, South Paris. This workshop is free, but preregistration is required. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3707.

"Not a Creature was Stirring" Craft Program; 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Norway Library. Elementary students are invited to get into the holiday spirit by listening to the classic poem "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and then make a candy cane mouse ornament to take home. All supplies are provided. FMI/Registration: Annika (743-5309 ext. 4) or stop by the Children's Room at the library.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

Telstar Middle/High School Winter Concert; 7 p.m., Telstar auditorium. Performances by the TMS band and chorus, conducted by TMS music teacher, Tom Coolidge. Performances by the THS band and chorus, conducted by THS music teacher, Jennifer Bennett.

Saturday, Dec. 21

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsor TBA.

Sunday, Dec. 22

Living Nativity; 5 p.m., Bethel Common. A living presentation of the birth of Jesus and songs of the season. All are welcome.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; 7 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Road (across from Telstar parking lot). FMI: 824-2289.

Monday, Dec. 30

Free Horse-drawn Wagon Rides; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Common. Sponsored by Sunday River Rentals, the Glen House and the Bingham House.

An Evening with Amity Schlaes; 6 p.m. Topic: "Scrooge as he is reflected in the current economy and popular culture." Seating is limited. RSVP required, preferably by Dec. 16. FMI/RSVP: 665-2049.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

New Year's Dance; 8 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., American Legion, Church Street, South Paris. Music by the Jones Band. Tickets are \$15 if reservations are made by Dec. 21. After that date, tickets are \$20. Ticket price includes a buffet at 9:45. FMI/Reservations: Betty Decoteau (743-7965).

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REGULAR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MUNICIPAL

Bethel Selectmen: Second Monday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Planning Board: Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Bethel Water District: Third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Gilead Selectmen: Second Wednesdays of the month, 6 p.m., Town Office

Gilead Planning Board: First Thursdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Greenwood Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Hanover Selectmen: Third Tuesday of the month, 6 p.m. unless otherwise posted.

Hanover Planning Board: First Wednesday, 6 p.m.

Newry Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays of the month, 7 a.m., Town Office.

Newry Planning Board: First and third Wednesdays of the month, 7 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Selectmen: First and third Tuesdays, 5 p.m., Town Office.

Woodstock Planning Board: First and third Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Town Office

SAD 44 School Board: Second Monday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Telstar High School (occasionally meet at oth-

er schools; call 824-2185 for info).

ORGANIZATIONS

Andover

Sundays, 6 p.m. Andover School Withdrawal Committee meets.

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.-Andover Fitness Club, Andover Elementary School gym,

Bethel

First Sunday of month, 7 p.m. - Bethel Snow Twisters at 208 Walkers Mills Rd.

Third Sunday of each month, 9 a.m. - Breakfast open to the public at no charge at Bethel Church of the Nazarene.

First Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Beacon House Peer Center, 3 Canal St. Rumford. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Third Wednesday, 6:30-8 p.m. - Lyme Disease Support & Education Group at Telstar High School Library. FMI: 357-1926 or 824-3076.

Last Wednesday of the month, 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Community Supper at Bethel Alliance Church. No charge. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Thursdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - Story Time for Children at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with participating mothers. October thru April. FMI: call 824-2520.

Second Thursday of the month, 10 a.m. to noon; fourth Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Cross Country Quilters of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason

House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at pquilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Woodstock

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - Woodstock Historical Society meeting at the Museum.

Norway/Paris/West Paris

Tuesdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.-West Paris Baptist Church group to foster wellness for anyone searching for faith based support. The group is intended for those facing the challenges of grief, loss, addiction, codependency, and abuse issues. Light refreshments will be provided.

Third Wednesday of the month, Women's Imaging Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway, offering professional prosthetic and bra fittings for women on For appointment call 743-5993 Ext. 6851.

Second Thursday of the month, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harper Conference Center, Ripley Medical Office Building, 193 Main Street, Norway. Staying on Your Feet, a free one-time course for adults aged 60 and over. Course includes balance screening, blood pressure check, leg-strength measurement, and education on staying fit.

Fridays 9:15 a.m. - Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

Hebron

Sundays 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. - Seasonal Public Skating, Robinson Arena, Hebron. Adults, \$3/Children 12 and under, \$2/WinterKids Passport holders, free. FMI: 966-2100.

SUPPORT SERVICES

SAFE Voices

Safe Voices serves all of Oxford County and provides emergency shelter, court advocacy and support groups with child care. Rumford office 369-0750; Norway office 743-5806; 24 hour hotline 1-800-559-2927

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

AA Meetings/Addiction help

Bethel Freedom Group. Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1. Big Book Meeting Sundays at 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. 12 Step/Traditions Meeting Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street. Open Discussion Meeting Fridays at 6 p.m. at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (calls confidential)

Cancer Wellness

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm in stormy weather.

Exchanges/Pantries

Clothing Exchange

Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4, Thursday 4 to 6, Saturday, 10 to 12. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours. No exceptions. 824-4090. Clothing may also be dropped off at Northeast Bank on Main Street.

Food Pantry

Nazarene Church, Park Street, Bethel. By appointment only (824-0369).

Help for the Homeless

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and our Rumford Family Center in Rumford for families. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 743-6363 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

Mental illness

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5 p.m.; Tuesday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 2 to 7 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more in-

formation, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

Veterans' Services

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, Veterans' Advocate visits first and third Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Rumford 9 to 12 noon second Thursday at VA Clinic at 431 Franklin St. (369-3272). Maine Veterans' Services is located at 29 Westminster St., Lewiston (783-5306). (No visits in July)

Multiple services

Community Concepts provides Oxford County Head Start, childcare, free rides to Maine Care appointments, subsidized apartments (Bethel, Brownfield, Fryeburg, Norway, Rumford, South Paris), affordable home-ownership opportunities, homeless shelter and assistance with home heating or weatherizing. FMI: call (800) 866-5588 or visit www.community-concepts.org.

Alzheimer's Support

An Alzheimer's Support Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Rumford Community Home located at 11 John F. Kennedy Lane. All are welcome. For more information call Sue Ellen Richardson, Social Service Director or Terry Drury, Residential Director at 364-7863.

Brain injury support

Brain Injury Support Group for individuals with brain injuries and their families. West Side NeuroRehab, 618 Main St., Lewiston. First Monday of the month, 6 to 8 p.m. FMI: Deb Hammer 795-6110.

LIBRARY HOURS

Andover Library:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1 to 4:30 pm; Thursday 1 to 4:30 & 6 to 8 p.m. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library:

Monday 9 to 1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1 to 8; Thursday & Friday 1 to 5 Saturday, 9 to 1. Story Hour Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m., October to May. Tel: 824-2520.

Whitman Memorial Library:

Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday and Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

West Paris Library,

West Paris: Monday 1:30 to 6; Wednesday 1:30 to 7; Friday 1:30 to 6; Saturday 10 to 2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library,

Hanover: Wednesday, 9 to 3; Thursday, 5 to 8; Saturday, 9 to noon.

Calendar items

Calendar items may be brought to the Citizen office, e-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426. Deadline is Monday at Noon.

Church Services

ALBANY

Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30 a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Thursdays at the home of Fernand Corriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI: 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff; Morning worship 10:45 to noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Route 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - 251 Walker's Mills Road, Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Senior Pastor and Nicholas Lutz, Youth Pastor, Sundays: 9 a.m. Sunday School for adults, teens and children; 10 a.m. Worship Service (Nursery care and Children's Church are available); 4:30-6 p.m. Kidz Klub (4 yrs-5th grade); 4:30-6:30 p.m. High School "Hang-Out" (location varies). Thursdays: 5-7p.m. Middle and High School Youth Group. FMI: 207-824-2289.

Bethel Church of the Nazarene - 16 Church Street, Bethel, Sunday School, 9:30 (for all ages). Pastor Peter Carter. The third Sunday of every month at 9 a.m. breakfast open to the public, no charge. Morning Worship 10:30. Wednesday evening 6 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study. FMI, transportation or prayer please contact Gerry Shimamura 824-7289 or Juanita Korhonen 665-2528.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Route 26). Fr. Gregory Dube may be reached at the parish office 364-4556. Saturday Mass, 6 p.m. Announcements. FMI: 824-2933.

West Parish Congregational - Church Street. Rev. Richard Bennett. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship and Sunday School Sept.-May. Tuesdays: 8 a.m., Informal Prayer Group with coffee in the Chapel. All are welcome. First Wednesday of the month: 8 a.m., Mens' Breakfast Group. Entrance in rear of church. All events open to everyone. This is an open and affirming congregation. FMI: 824-2689.

United Methodist - 79 Main Street. Pastor Carol Ste-

vens. Sunday worship service 9 a.m. FMI: 824-0797.

West Bethel Union - Rev. John Williams. Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. FMI: 836-3533.

Pleasant Valley Bible Pastor Dave Fraher. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m. Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30 p.m. Midweek Bible study and prayer, Wednesday 6 p.m. Awana Club Fridays 3:30 to 5 p.m. (Cubbies ages 3/4; Sparks Grades K-2; children may take bus from school). Monthly Youth Group meetings and Grades 3 through high school. FMI: 836-2828.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m. FMI: 357-7814.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday Morning Service and Sunday School, 9 to 10 a.m. Choir practice at the church every Friday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. 875-3355

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wednesday Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (catercorner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, South Paris. Pastor Ray Mitchell. Sunday morning service 9 a.m. (summer) with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation- Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m. Singersperation third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m. FMI: 689-8000.

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, South Paris across the park from the Post Office. FMI: call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Norway. Services Sunday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 743-6782; e-mail christch@megalink.net.

First Baptist Church of Paris - On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 a.m. worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month fol-

lowing worship. Pastor Ron Blake. FMI 743-2491.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass. FMI 743-2806.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11 a.m. worship. (Sept. - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. FMI 743-2828.

GORHAM, N.H.

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.. FMI: 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Sunday morning worship, 10 a.m. All welcome; free coffee. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI: 603-466-2136.

WEST PARIS

First Universalist Church-208 Main St., W. Paris. 9 a.m. services September to June. FMI: Bob Clifford 674-3442.

West Paris Baptist - 15 Church St. Sunday Worship-9:45 a.m.; Sunday School- 11 a.m.; Word of Life Youth- 6 p.m.; Word of Life Olympians (kids club) -6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study-7 p.m.; Ladies' ministry, food pantry, third Saturday of month. Pastor Scott Randolph, 376-6854.

Mission Congregational Church - Wallace Farnum, pastor. Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Matt Jones, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Greg Carlson 207-527-2551, Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. FMI: 824-8669.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - CHRISTMAS SEASON

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What do you call Santa when he stops moving?

CANDY
CAROLS
COOKIES
EGGNOG
ELVES
FAMILY
FEAST
GIFTS
HAM
ICICLES
LIGHTS
LOVE
RUDOLPH
SLEIGH
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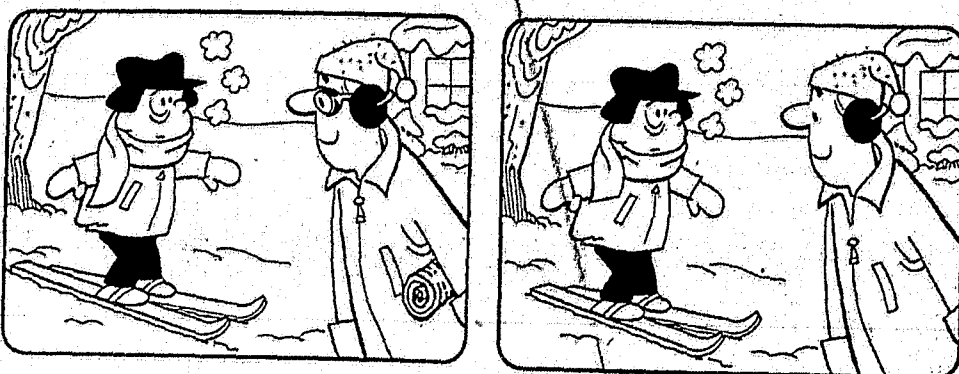
Riddle answer: _____

For more puzzle fun, go to www.braintzles.com

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



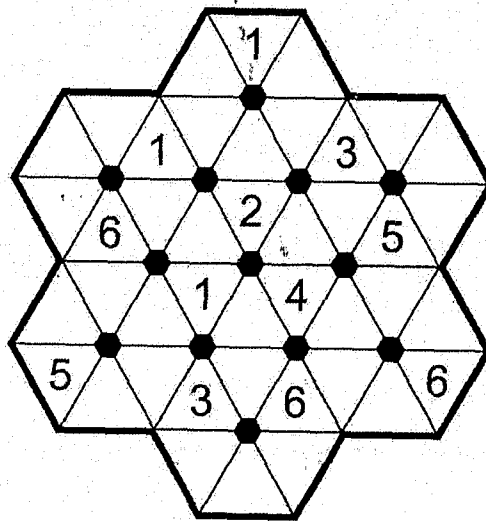
Differences:
1. Collar is different. 2. Mitten is missing. 3. Tassel is shorter.
4. Hat is missing. 5. Box is missing. 6. Shoe is missing.

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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Easy ◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Blunt
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BRANEY
Chase
SUPEUR
Spare
TAXER

TODAY'S WORD



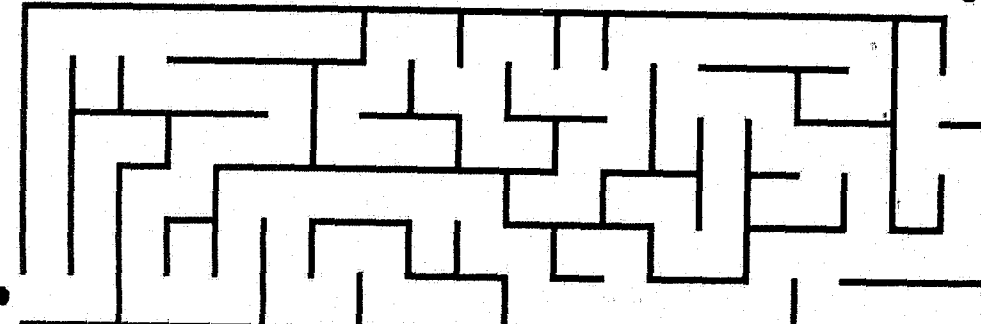
"Every time I hint at getting married he says he'd like to but it involves too much work."

Super Crossword

JOKE TIME JUMBLES

- ACROSS
- 1 Joe of "Raging Bull"
 - 6 Boss woman
 - 13 Gabs with flirtatiously
 - 20 Routinely
 - 21 Explorer Leif
 - 22 Carolina of fashion
 - 23 Bought brass and bronze?
 - 25 Swallow greedily
 - 26 Selected passages
 - 27 Mediocre grades
 - 29 Field marshal
 - 30 Took a chair
 - 31 Where a beautiful woman swims?
 - 34 Jay-Z hit, e.g.
 - 37 Moon of Jupiter
 - 40 Restroom, for short
 - 41 City in central Sicily
 - 42 "Alas, it's true, Ms. Bergen?"
 - 47 Autumn chill
 - 49 Dolled (up)
 - 50 Library of Congress ID
 - 52 "Hawaiian Favorites" singer
 - 57 "Yer darn —!"
 - 58 Show off parquetry
 - 62 Ocean Spray flavor prefix
 - 63 Take — (chance it)
 - 65 Oil qly.
 - 66 "... some kind of —?"
 - 67 Ruminant's chew
 - 68 Guthrie launches a Jedi master into a somersault?
 - 73 Addenda to ltrs.
 - 74 Blind as —
 - 76 Hesiod's H
 - 77 Like Carroll's "borogoves"
 - 78 Part of TLC
 - 80 Tinkerbell's ancient milky gem?
 - 84 "The Raven" maiden
 - 86 Blasé feeling
 - 87 Yemen port
 - 88 Sugar quantity
 - 90 During each
 - 92 Maneuver to avoid a traffic jam doesn't work?
 - 96 Hot tub locales
 - 100 Succor
 - 102 Beaverlike rodent
 - 103 Driver's peg
 - 104 Inundate
 - 108 Size up from medium; Abbr.
 - 111 Actor Brando
 - 112 Big drink
 - 113 Recurring melodic fragment
 - 118 Scale ranges
 - 120 What each of this puzzle's eight longest answers is a 93-Down of
 - 123 Least nice
 - 124 Hit from behind
 - 125 Rainer of film
 - 126 Classifies
 - 127 Myopic cartoon guy
 - 128 Rocker Bob
 - 5 Prefix with red
 - 6 Pal of Ernie
 - 7 Savings plans, briefly
 - 8 Jazz poet
 - 9 Calo's 1,150
 - 10 Withdrawn from people
 - 11 "True Blood" co-star
 - 12 Stephen
 - 13 "Evil" role
 - 14 Title king for the Bard
 - 15 Strong rival of Sparta
 - 16 — Ioe!
 - 17 Homily
 - 18 Spur
 - 19 Simmered
 - 24 Decided to enter
 - 28 "My Gal —"
 - 31 Dandy fellow
 - 32 GI's address
 - 33 Popular Irish ballad
 - 34 Spellbound
 - 35 Like the conga drum, ethnically
 - 36 Destine
 - 38 Manipulate
 - 39 Fishing stick
 - 43 "— girl"
 - 44 1986 book by rocker
 - 45 Sassy talk
 - 46 Big inits. in fashion
 - 48 Many a sharable PC file
 - 51 Soft as a — bottom
 - 53 Ending for Rock
 - 54 Like the United Way and NPR
 - 55 Locale-specific regulation
 - 56 Meal bits
 - 58 "What's the —?"
 - 59 Molokai or Maui; Abbr.
 - 60 Penny-pinch
 - 61 Municipal
 - 63 Certain female opera solo
 - 64 Winter Dahl
 - 67 Snug eatery
 - 69 Not a bus.
 - 70 Ms. Zadora
 - 71 Size that's the opp. of 108-Across
 - 72 — clubs (certain card)
 - 73 Capote, to his buddies
 - 79 Kournikova of the court
 - 81 Quick bark
 - 82 Berlin article
 - 83 Yoko —
 - 84 Sticking by
 - 85 In addition
 - 88 35mm camera type
 - 89 Maui paste
 - 91 Impassioned
 - 93 Letter shuffle
 - 94 Hwy. crime
 - 95 Old religious scandal inits.
 - 96 Gallery in western CA
 - 97 Sites
 - 98 Big arteries
 - 99 California county
 - 101 Bad: Prefix
 - 105 Capital of Delaware
 - 106 Bee cluster
 - 107 Pied —
 - 109 Fish parts
 - 110 Come after
 - 113 — concern
 - 114 "— I" ("Me too")
 - 115 Take — at (insult)
 - 116 Hit with a zapping gun
 - 117 — and terminator
 - 119 Aves.
 - 121 Lynce-
 - 122 Tripod

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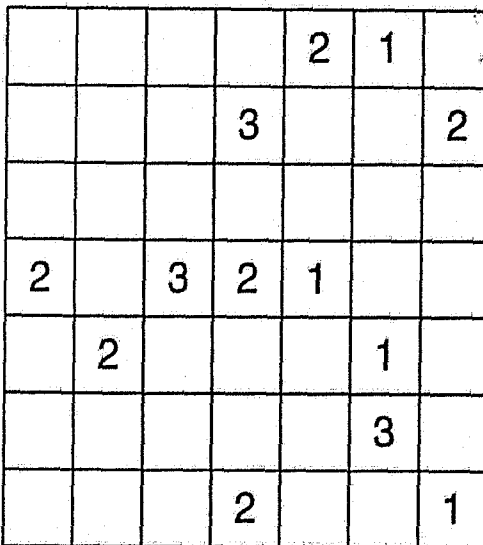


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Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

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Kids' Maze Solution

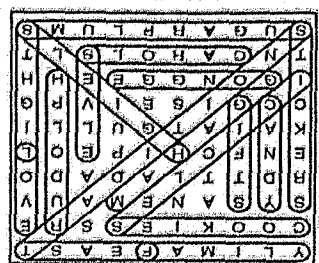
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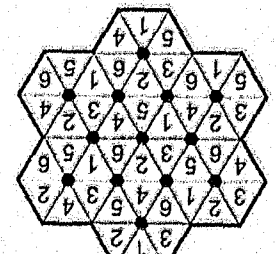
1. Abrupt; 2. Nearby; 3. Pursue; 4. Extra

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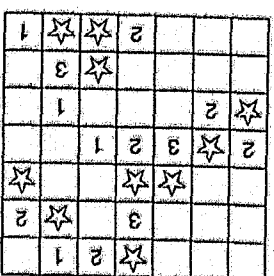
Riddle Answer:



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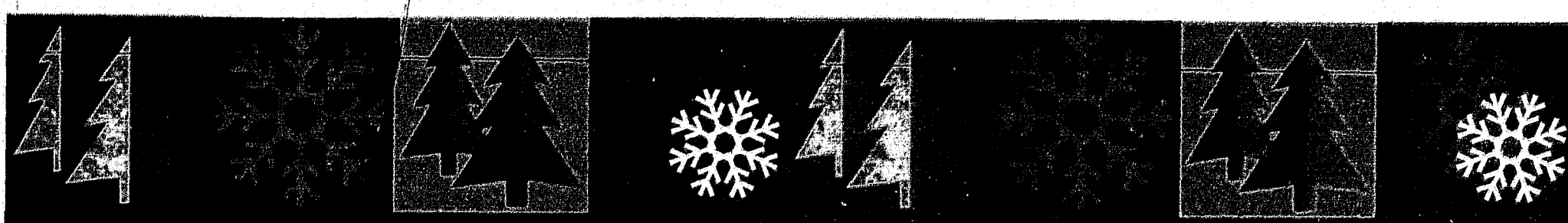
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ANSWERS:

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Happening Around Town

Breakfast with Santa Saturday, December 7

Pancake breakfast with Santa followed by photos, silent auction, and a gently-used book sale. Proceeds benefit the 5th grade class trip. 8am-1pm, Crescent Park School, Crescent Lane, Bethel.

Greens Sale, Crafts, & Cookie Walk Saturday, December 7

9:30-11:30am, West Bethel Union Church, Rt. 2, West Bethel.

Annual Christmas Tea and Fair Saturday, December 7

Traditional tea, crafts, cookie walk, and more. 1-4pm, West Parish Congregational Church, Church Street, Bethel.

Christmas at the Mason House Saturday, December 7

Music & refreshments in the Mason House period rooms, decorated in traditional nineteenth century style and illuminated by candles. Free and open to the public (donations appreciated); 3:30 to 6:30 PM
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Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides Saturday, December 7

Horse-drawn wagon rides for the whole family! 1-3pm. Sponsored by River View Resort. Meet at the north end of the town common near the Chapman Inn for rides through historic Bethel village. Rides given by Deepwood Farm.

Jingle Bell Run 2013 to Meet Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus & Tree Lighting Saturday, December 7

3:30-3:45pm: GET YOUR BELL! Revelers meet at the Key Bank clock (96 Main Street, Bethel) and be given a bell provided by Bevin Bells! 4:00pm: RUN TO MEET THE CLAUSES! The group will jog (or walk) from Key Bank to the Bethel Common to be greeted by Mr. and Mrs. Claus. After high-fiving all participants (not really, but he will give out candy canes!), Santa will channel his powers and light up the 15' tree on the common for the coming season.

Santa Sunday at Sunday River Sunday, December 8

Dress up as Santa and donate a toy and you can ski for free. (Pre-registration required). www.sundayriver.com

Annual Holiday Concert by Mahoosuc Community Band Sunday, December 8

Refreshments following concert. Free (donations accepted). 4pm. West Parish Congregational Church, Broad Street, Bethel.



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Happy shopping!

Nachos for a Crowd

13½ oz. bag restaurant-style tortilla chips
15-oz. can homestyle chili
8-oz. pkg. shredded Mexican-blend cheese
½ cup queso sauce
10-oz. pkg. shredded lettuce
1 onion, diced
1 green pepper, chopped
½ cup jalapeño pepper, sliced

Optional:

½ cup sliced black olives
4-oz. can diced green chiles

Garnish:

½ cup sour cream
1 tomato, diced
2 tbsp dried chives

Arrange chips on a large microwave-safe plate; set aside. Heat chili in a microwave-safe bowl on high setting for one minute; stir. Microwave for another minute; set aside. Sprinkle tortilla chips with cheese; microwave on high setting for 30 seconds. Spoon chili and queso sauce over cheese; sprinkle with lettuce, onion and peppers. Top with black olives and green chiles, if desired. Add a dollop of sour cream; sprinkle with tomato and chives. Serves 6 to 8.

Spicy Honey-Molasses Wings

5 lbs. chicken wings
2½ cups spicy ketchup
⅔ cup vinegar
½ cup plus 2 tbsp honey
1 cup molasses
1 tsp salt
1 tsp Worcestershire sauce
½ tsp onion powder
½ tsp chili powder

Optional:

½ to 1 tsp smoke-flavored cooking sauce

Arrange wings in a greased 15"x10" jelly-roll pan. Bake, uncovered, at 375 degrees for 30 minutes. Drain; turn wings and return to oven for an additional 20 to 25 minutes. While wings are baking, combine remaining ingredients in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, for 25 to 30 minutes. Arrange 1/3 of wings in a large slow cooker; top with one cup sauce. Repeat layers twice. Cover and cook on low setting for 3 to 4 hours; stir gently before serving. Makes about 4 dozen.

Feta Cheese Ball

8 oz. container crumbled feta cheese
8 oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
2 tbsp butter, softened
1 tbsp fresh dill weed, chopped
1 clove garlic, minced
assorted crackers

Combine all ingredients except crackers. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed. When well blended, form cheese mixture into a ball to wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate at least 4 hours or overnight. Serve with assorted crackers. Serves 8 to 10

Not-Your-Usual Party Mix

17.5-oz. pkg. crispy rice cereal squares
6-oz. pkg. goldfish-shaped crackers
12-oz. pkg. oyster crackers
10.5-oz. pkg. mini cheese-filled sandwich crackers
15-oz. pkg. mini pretzel twists
16-oz. pkg. peanuts
12-oz. bottle butter-flavored popcorn oil
1-oz. pkg. ranch-style salad dressing mix

Combine cereal, crackers, pretzels and nuts in a large mixing bag. Combine oil and salad dressing mix in a small bowl; toss with cracker mixture until evenly coated. Store in an airtight container. Makes 20 servings.

Pepperoni Bread

1 loaf frozen bread dough, thawed
4-oz. pkg. sliced pepperoni
1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Roll out bread dough into a 15"x10" rectangle; arrange pepperoni slices and cheese on top. Roll up lengthwise; secure closed with toothpicks. Place on a greased baking sheet; bake at 325 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes. Slice to serve. Makes 12 servings.

Fruity Cheese Ball

2 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
3½ oz. pkg. instant vanilla pudding mix
15-oz. can fruit cocktail, drained

Garnish:

chopped pecans

Mix cream cheese, pudding and fruit cocktail together. Form into a ball; roll in pecans. Wrap in plastic wrap; refrigerate overnight. Serve with vanilla wafers or graham crackers. Serves 8.

Festive Sugar Cookies

2 cups butter, softened
1½ cups sugar
2 eggs, beaten
2 tsp vanilla extract
5 cups all-purpose flour

Frosting:

4½ cups powdered sugar
6 tbsp butter, melted
6 tbsp milk
2 tbsp vanilla extract
1 tbsp lemon juice

Optional:

few drops food coloring

Blend butter and sugar together; stir in eggs and vanilla. Add flour; mix until well blended. Shape into a ball; cover and chill for 4 hours to overnight. Roll out dough 1/4-inch thick on a lightly floured surface; cut out with cookie cutters as desired. Arrange cookies on lightly greased baking sheets. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes, until golden. For Frosting combine all ingredients in a medium bowl. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed until smooth. Frost cookies when cool. Makes 4 dozen.

White Chocolate Cranberry Cookies

½ cup butter, softened
¾ cup sugar
½ cup brown sugar, packed
1 egg, beaten
1 tsp vanilla extract
1¾ cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
½ tsp baking soda
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries
½ cup white chocolate chips

Beat butter in a large bowl at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy; gradually add sugars, beating until combined. Add egg and vanilla, beat until smooth. Combine flour, baking powder and baking soda; gradually add to sugar mixture, beating well. Stir in cranberries and chocolate chips. Shape dough in to 1-1/2 inch balls; place 2 inches apart on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 14 minutes or until golden. Remove to wire racks to cool. Makes 2-1/2 dozen.

Holiday Pineapple Punch

2 1½ oz. pkgs. strawberry-flavored drink mix
2 cups sugar
4 qts. plus ¾ cup water, divided
6-oz. can frozen pineapple juice concentrate
2-liter bottle lemon-lime soda
2-liter bottle strawberry soda
2½ to 3 cups pineapple sherbet, softened

Combine drink mix, sugar and 4 quarts water in a large punch bowl; stir to dissolve. Add juice concentrate and remaining water; mix until concentrate is melted. Add sodas and sherbet; serve over ice. Makes about 2 gallons.



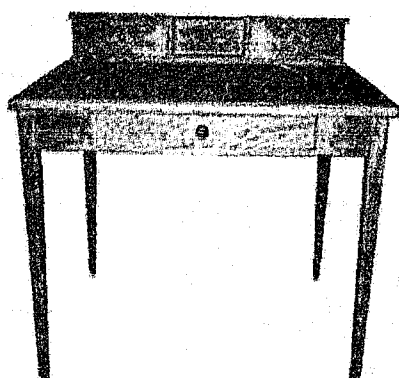
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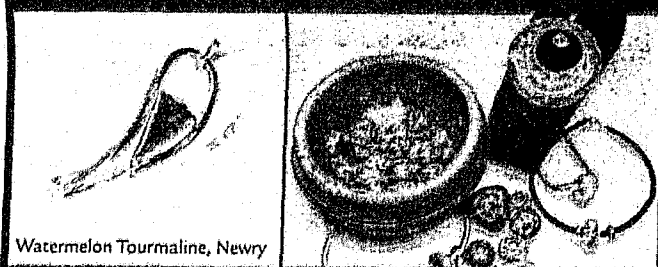
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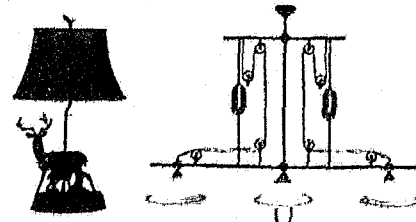
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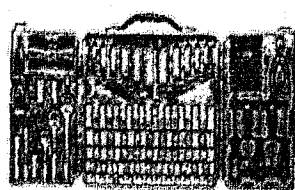
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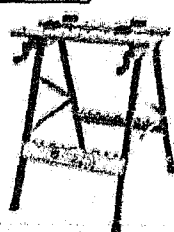


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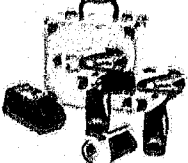
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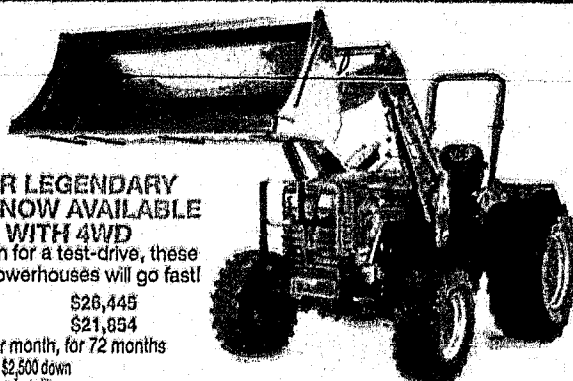
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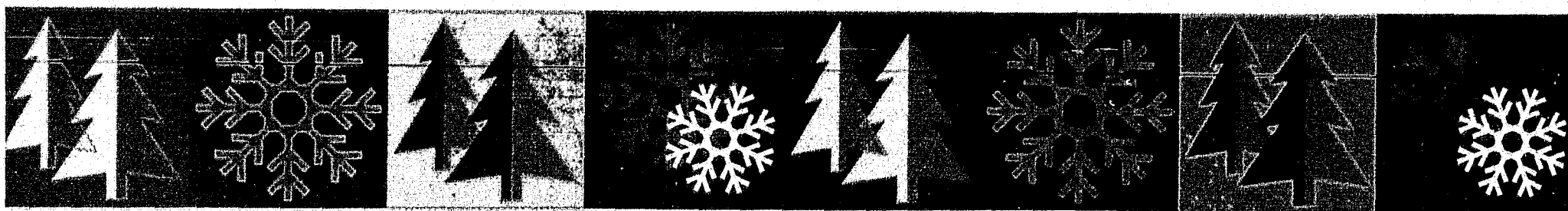
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Family entertaining made easy



Simple strategies make it easy for the host to enjoy parties with family.

Families come together throughout the year for a variety of celebrations. From birthdays to major holidays, the chances for entertaining are numerous.

Some people relish the idea of opening their homes to guests. Others feel overwhelmed by the prospect of entertaining. There are different ways to make the process easier and go more smoothly.

Parties and family dinners are meant to be enjoyable, but very often hosts cannot fully participate in the fun. That's because they're often busy serving food, cleaning up minor messes, wrangling with the children, or meeting the needs of their guests. But guests intend to spend time with their hosts, and hosts should remember that when planning a party.

Although all obstacles cannot be avoided, there are many strategies that can be used to make entertaining enjoyable for all involved.

Here's how.

* Share the work.

Entertaining can not only be time-consuming, but it can also be expensive. Spreading out the responsibilities can relieve some of the pressure. If a particular family member is known for a certain dish or beverage, request he or she bring it to the party to lessen your workload and ensure guests get a dish they love. Not only may guests feel flattered, but chances are they will look forward to opportunities to share culinary classics as well. Pot-luck-style events are an ideal way to cut down on time in the kitchen and enjoy everyone's favorite recipes.

* Cut down on your work.

There's no need to have a dozen entrees on the menu. Here's a good rule of thumb: Plan on a higher number of appetizers and one main course. This way guests can fill up on finger foods while you have ample time to complete the cooking or prep work for the

main course. Appetizers can be store bought and enhanced with a little touch that makes them take on a home-made feel. For example, serve packaged egg rolls with a homemade spicy dipping sauce.

* Heat and eat.

Select foods that can be prepared in advance, stored and then heated the day of the event. This way you can do the cooking when you have time and not feel rushed the day of the party. Baked pasta dishes, stews, casseroles, soups, and many other items can be

prepped and cooked, then simply heated up. Also, many dishes taste even better when allowed to sit a day or two and absorb all of the flavors in the seasoning. If you prefer cooking something that is traditionally done the day of, like a roast, use a slow cooker that can be set in the morning and have the food ready and hot when you're set to serve guests.

* Cook foods you know.

Now is not the time to experiment with recipes you haven't tried before. Stick to meals

because guests likely won't notice and you're probably going to have to do a thorough cleaning after guests leave.

* Hire someone.

If your budget allows, cater the event from a favorite restaurant, which will dramatically cut down on the work you need to do. There are also services that will help you set up your party and do the serving and clean-up so you can mingle with guests. This is especially valuable for hosts who really want to enjoy the party with their guests. Catering might just cost the same as if you purchased all of the food and supplies yourself. Although family entertaining can sometimes induce anxiety, hosts and hostesses can reduce the amount of work and stress by paying attention to the details that matter.

* Set the table the night before.

Clear off the dining room table and arrange the place settings the night before you are hosting company. Use this time to also take out the serving dishes you will need, and to clean out the dishwasher so you can easily load your dirty dishes the day of the party.

* Clean wisely.

Cleaning up for company is another task that is time-consuming and less than enjoyable. Instead of cleaning the entire house top-to-bottom, clean only those rooms the guests will be in. Keep certain spaces, like the bedrooms, off-limits.

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Czech Republic choir coming to Bethel

A chance meeting of two kindred spirits at the 1st International Festival of Men's Voice in Barcelona, Spain in 2005 is resulting in a rare opportunity to see an internationally famous boys' choir right here in Western Maine this February.

Bruce McInnes was conducting the Mastersingers USA at the festival where Jan Mišáček was conducting Bonifantes, the renowned Boys' Choir from Pardubice, Czech Republic. The two directors made fast friends and started corresponding around plans to bring the boys to Western Maine where McInnes serves on the Board for the AIWM.

The AIWM sought out other Western Maine presenters to build a significant schedule to stake a part of the next USA tour of Bonifantes. The Mahoosuc Arts Council in Bethel and the Kingfield Pops

in Kingfield signed on to host performances and workshops with the Czech group from Feb. 25 to March 1, 2014.

The group, which includes 30 boys from the ages of five to 18, will be giving a variety of performances in concerts halls, schools and churches. The Mahoosuc Arts Council will host the first of the Maine performances Feb. 25, when the group will perform at Crescent Park Elementary School, followed by a formal evening performance for the public at the Telstar Regional Middle/High School Auditorium.

Feb. 26, Bonifantes will perform for the students of Kingfield and Strong Schools hosted by the Kingfield Pops. The next day, the choir will rehearse and perform at the Vespers Service at the Old South Church in Farmington. Feb. 28, the

group will provide two programs for the Mt. Blue Middle and High Schools. That evening, their tour of Western Maine will finish with a performance and reception hosted by the Arts Institute of Western Maine at Nordica Auditorium, at Merrill Hall, University of Maine Farmington at 7:30.

Aside from performing, the boys will be hosted in homes across the region to learn about our way of life here. In addition, McInnes has scheduled a rich recreational tour of our region to include skiing and swimming to help the boys relax during the rigors of their four-week international tour.

For more information on Bonifantes, visit: www.bonifantes.cz. For information on this upcoming series, please visit www.artsinstitute.org or www.mahoosucarts.org.



Members of the Arts Institute of Western Maine (AIWM) of Farmington and the Mahoosuc Arts Council of Bethel met at the Front Porch Café in Dixfield recently to plan a week of performances and workshops with the world-renowned Bonifantes Boys' Choir of the Czech Republic. Pictured from left are: Bruce McInnes, David Haeger, Jane Parker and Karyl Condit of the AIWM, Aranka Matolsky of the Mahoosuc Arts Council and Phil Keith of the AIWM.

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Dog Licenses
Dog Licenses for 2014 are now available at the Woodstock Town Office. Dogs that are six months or older, or within 10 of ownership, must now be licensed.

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Nomination papers
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Committee	Number of Vacancies	Length of Term (Years)
Appeals Board	2	3
Airport Authority	2	3
Budget Committee	4	3
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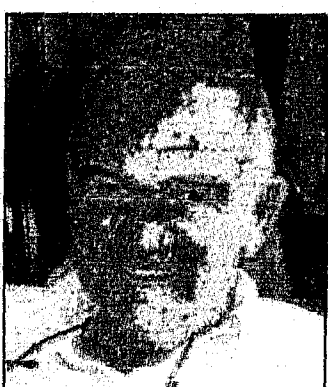
Warren P. Sessions, Sr., 83, of Norway passed away at Stephens Memorial Hospital surrounded by his family on Nov. 30, 2013 after developing pneumonia following a broken hip. Warren was born in Milton Plantation on April 27, 1930 to Harriett "Hattie" (Flint) Sessions and Albert Sessions.

He had a big heart and was exceptionally strong with quick reflexes. He had many occupations but he was primarily a professional driver. He loved to drive. He drove escort vehicles for several local home manufacturers and transport companies, throwing cinder blocks and keeping people safe, up until he had a stroke seven years ago. His favorite thing in later years was to "go for a ride" all over the country side.

He was a private man who dearly loved and delighted in his wife of 60 years, Nada M. Sessions. He is survived by his wife; six children and their spouses, Bonita M. Sessions and Brian Strickland of Bethel; Warren P. Sessions, Jr. and Connie of Norway; Gregory M. Sessions of Bethel, Cheryl A. Sessions and Richard Perreault of Northfield, N.H.; Brett A. Sessions and Susanne of South Paris and Brian W. Sessions and Gracia of Norway; as well as his 12 grandchildren and three step-grandchildren, Angela Lalibertie and Scott

of Norway, Timothy Hill and Carrie of Albany; Tabitha Steward and John of Bethel; Kristi Hathaway and Steve of Kenduskeag; Danielle Wadsworth of Lewiston, Ashlee Sessions of West Paris, Logan Sessions of West Paris, Ryan H. Bownes of Laconia, N.H., Patrick M. Bownes of Northfield, N.H., Alishia Liberty and Chris of Norway, Tim Paradis and Samantha of Norway, Hada Monahan and Tito of Jacksonville, N.C., Captain Lisa Sessions (133 Eng. Co. deployed in Afghanistan) of New Gloucester, Victoria Sessions of Norway and eight great-grandchildren and four step-great-grandchildren, Cameron Lalibertie, Donovan Lalibertie, Zachary Hill, Tyler Hill, Hailey Steward, Jared Steward, Seth Hathaway, Megan Hathaway, Angel Clark, Gage Clark, Isabella Monahan and Delphin Monahan. He is also survived by his nieces and nephews Donnie Sessions, Rickie Sessions, Cindy Sessions, Irene Sessions and forever family Marina Sessions and Barbara Sessions. He was preceded in death by his brothers Lawrence Sessions and Albert Sessions.

He requested cremation and no services other than graveside, which will take place when his beloved Lisa returns from Afghanistan in late summer. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to the Pulmonary Hypertension Association at <http://www.PHAssociation.org> or mail to: 801 Roeder Road, Suite 1000, Silver Spring, Md. 20910. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris. Online condolences may be shared with his family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.


MAURICE NADEAU

Maurice C. "Moe" Nadeau, 68, of Greenwood and Bonita Springs, Fla., died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2013 at North Collier Hospital in Naples, Fla. He had been a seasonal resident of Bonita Springs for the last several years. He was born May 5, 1945 in Lewiston, the son of Hubert and Sybil (Saucier) Nadeau.

He was a 1963 graduate of Lewiston High School. He enjoyed playing hockey for both L.H.S. and the semi-pro L.A. Twins. He served in the Maine National Guard. He was employed as a meat cutter for several years and then became a salesman for Dubeis Chemical Co., where he worked for 30 years servicing the papermaking industry. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and was an avid gardener.

Mr. Nadeau is survived by his wife of 31 years, Diana (Heath) Nadeau; his children, Michael Nadeau and his wife Theresa of Woodstock, Marianne Kaplan and her husband Evan of Denver, Colo., and Michelle Nadeau of Colorado; his granddaughters, Ciara Nadeau and Abigail Kaplan and his brothers, Hubert Nadeau, Jr. and his wife Lorraine of Wales, Paul Nadeau and his wife, Cecile of Auburn, and Roland Nadeau of Turner. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Helen Heath of Norway, sisters-in-law Lauri Roode and Mindy Heath and his nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Locke's Mills Union Church, P.O. Box 147, Greenwood, Maine 04255 or the Greenwood

Fire Dept. (check payable to Town of Greenwood, memo Fire Dept.), 593 Gore Road, Greenwood, Maine 04255.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Bonita Springs, Fla., (239) 992-4982.

MICHAEL MCKINNEY, SR.

Michael S. McKinney, Sr., 45, of Gilead passed away on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013 at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, N.H. He was born in Florida on May 24, 1968, the son of the late William McKinney and the late Jolene Ferron, and was raised in Maine prior to moving to Berlin, N.H. He attended Berlin High School and graduated in 1986. He worked for Tillotson Rubber Company in Dixville, N.H. before moving back to Maine. He enjoyed hunting, working on cars, racing, sports, but most of all loved his children and loved spending time with his friends. He was known to be very spontaneous, had a big heart, a great sense of humor and was very outgoing.

Members of the family include his daughter Morgan McKinney and her partner Bronson Cole of Gilead; his son Michael McKinney, Jr. of Berlin, N.H.; a grandson, Carsen Michael Cole of Gilead; a brother, Patrick McKinney of Norway; a sister, Amy Ferron of Norway and many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Services are pending at this time. Anyone who wishes can make a donation in his memory to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73123-1718. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Bryant Funeral Homes, Berlin and Gorham, N.H. Online guestbook at www.bryantfuneralhome.net.

KELLEN WALTERS

Kelleen Walters, 47, formerly of Bethel died Saturday, Nov. 23. She was born in Holden, Mass., on Feb. 2, 1966, the daughter of Alan Roger and Joan Elizabeth Stapor Anderson. She graduated from Wachu-

sett High School in Holden and had been employed as a Mortgage Originator for Monument Mortgage. She adored her kids and loved spending time with her family. She was a skier.

She is survived by four children, Ashley Riley, Alexander Riley, Samuel Riley and Elijah Walters; three stepchildren, Gordon Walters, Ryan Walters and Kendra Walters; her mother and her husband James Keto; three sisters, Kristina Butler, Kerstin Hertel

and Kara Barnes. She was predeceased by her husband Mark Edwin Walters on April 16, 2012; her father; and a brother Kurt Anderson.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 1 p.m. at the Bethel Alliance Church. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 37 Vernon Street, Bethel. Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

Births

Abygail River Hutton

Asa and Lisa Hutton of Norway are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Abygail River Hutton, born on Nov. 20, 2013 at 8 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Patricia and Willie Gaudreau of Waterford and the late Frederick L. Meader of Albany.

Paternal grandparents are Diane Packard of Seattle, Wash., and Doug and Clair Hutton of Lewiston.

Abygail joins a brother, Waylon, age 18 months.

Jax Arthur Danielson

Taylor and Michelle Danielson of Bethel are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Jax Arthur Danielson, born on Nov. 18, 2013 at 3:10 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 9 pounds, 9 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Tom and Brenda Cote of Pittsfield.

Paternal grandparents are Hugh Danielson of Winslow and Lisa Caruso of Charlotte, N.C.

Ivy Sayge Fournier

Jason and Stephanie Fournier of Greenwood are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Ivy Sayge Fournier, born on Oct. 23, 2013 at 9:23 a.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 8 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Ben Conant and Carol Gould of South Paris.

Paternal grandparents are Beth Mills and Billy Lane of Pompano Beach, Fla.

Ivy Sayge joins sisters Wyllow Rayne (12), Wynter Skye (8), Yvette Jayde (6), and Ambyr Rose (5).

Alexus Marie Desjardins

Christopher J. Desjardins and Haley A. Dupuis of South Paris are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl, Alexis Marie Desjardins, born on Oct. 18, 2013 at 1:35 p.m. at Stephens Memorial Hospital, weighing 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Norman R. Dupuis of Exeter, N.H. and Tina M. Strickland of Kennebunkport.

Paternal grandparents are Damian and Laurie Auger of Oxford.

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